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Serving Bethel and neighboring communities in the mountains of western Maine

Sunday River staff cutbacks reflect an industry-wide need to lower fixed costs

By MICHAEL DANIELS

The National Ski Areas Association's 2009 Trade Show and Convention, a four-day affair held in Marco Island, Fla., ended Saturday.

One of the highlights, according to the online Industry Report for the mountain resort industry, was a round-table discussion at which five ski resort CEO's discussed the hard economic times and the lessons they have learned from the 2008-09 season.

One of the participants was Stephen Kircher, president of eastern operations for Boyne Resorts, which owns, among other properties, Sunday River

er and Sugarloaf, both destination resorts.

Kircher said the company's drive-to resorts actually fared relatively well last season, but destination resorts "were hurt," and overall Boyne had a 7.5 percent (or \$16.18 million) drop in revenue.

"One thing we've learned," he told the industry audience, "we maybe need to react a little quicker."

Quick action here

On Monday, less than 48 hours after the convention concluded, 32 Sunday River employees learned they were

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SAD44 voters asked to transfer \$500,000 into Capital Reserve

By ALISON ALOISIO

At the June 3 district budget meeting, SAD44 voters will be asked to approve transferring up to \$500,000 from unexpended balances into the district's Capital Reserve Account.

This is the third year voters have been asked to transfer such funds to Capital Reserve.

There are no plans to spend the money in the next year, said Supt. Dave Murphy.

But, he said, "the Facilities and Finance committees have been focusing on future projects that would address energy conservation at Telstar — in the form of window replace-

ment, insulation etc. and are hopeful that they may have something ready for voter consideration in time for the November referendum."

The transfer is requested in a budget year that, despite significant cuts by the School Board, will bring increases in school taxes to several district towns.

"People might say, 'Why not apply [the investment funds] to the budget?'" Murphy told the board last week.

He said there are several reasons to hold the money over for the following fiscal

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Suspect in W. Bethel murder pleads innocent; trial in September

By DIRK LANGEVELD, Sun Media Wire

A 23-year-old man pleaded not guilty Friday to killing his former employer in Bethel last winter.

Agostino J. Samson, of River Road in Windham and formerly of Bethel, appeared before Justice John Nivison in Oxford

County Superior Court. He is charged in the death of Scott Libby, 25, of Raymond, who was found beaten and strangled to death in a car that had been parked on the railroad tracks in Bethel.

Defense attorney Maurice Porter has been appointed to

represent Samson. Nivison granted Porter's request for a speedy trial and scheduled the case for presentation to a jury in September. He also set a 60-day deadline for motions to be filed in the case.

Libby was found dead in his car at about 2:45 a.m. Feb. 20.

The vehicle had been driven 200 feet down the railroad tracks from the Barker Road crossing and was struck from behind by a westbound freight train.

According to an affidavit by Detective Herbert Leighton of the Maine State Police, in-

vestigators believe that Libby had been strangled by a belt and beaten with a cast-iron frying pan before being placed in the car. Libby's pockets had been turned out, and no money was found on his person or

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Food-pack program bridges gap for families

By ALISON ALOISIO

A grassroots program, "Three Day Supply," has quietly started providing short-term food for area families in crisis.

"This provides a bridge for people going into crisis, for people who never thought they'd be where they are," said volunteer Jeanie Waite. "People who reach the edge in this community do not always have the resources to feed themselves in the short term."

The concept is simple: For about \$70, volunteers fill a box with non-perishable foods that will feed a family

'It's user friendly. Even a child could put together a meal.'

JEANIE WAITE

Volunteer

for three days. That's the typical time needed to complete paperwork to qualify them for food stamps or other aid.

"This is not intended to supplant the Food Pantry," which, Waite said, can provide food for a longer period.

The program has been in the planning stages for the past year. Waite got the idea while visiting relatives in North Carolina and hearing about a similar program there.

Distribution of food got underway in April. Based on estimates provided by the Food Pantry, the average need is about four families a month.

"Many are displaced or single-parent families," Waite said.

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Area children ages 7 through 12 have been gathering on Monday evenings at Gould Academy's lacrosse field to learn the fundamentals of the game. The Bethel Area Youth Lacrosse program continues through June 15. Here, Hope Dole of West Bethel fights for control of the ball against another player.

Local Memorial Day Observances

ANDOVER—Memorial Day Services will take place Monday, May 25, at 9 a.m. on the Town Common, conducted by the Knights of Pythias. The Rev. Jane Rich and Pastor Ken Wagstaff will be the speakers.

BETHEL—Memorial Day Services will take place Monday, May 25. At 10:30 a.m. the parade will form up in front of Kelly's Auto Parts. At 11 a.m. the parade steps off, then stops in front of the Civil War Monument to present arms. The parade then resumes its march to the Bethel Common. At 11:15 a.m. the traditional Memorial Day commemoration will take place: Patriotic music by the Mahoosuc Community Band; Introduction of Miss Poppy; Patriotic songs by Four on a Match; Memorial Day address by Sheriff Wayne Gallant; salute to our fallen heroes by the Mundt-Allen Legion firing squad; taps and closing.

GREENWOOD—At 9 a.m. on Memorial Day, May 25, a parade will step off from the Jackson-Silver Post on the Gore Road, and proceed to the common by the monument in Locke Mills. The parade will then proceed to the cemetery on Route 26. Afterward there will be refreshments and slide show by Kelly Bickford at the Legion Post.

EAST BETHEL—A ceremony will take place at the East Bethel Cemetery at 11 a.m. on Memorial Day, May 25.

NEWRY—Ceremony at the Newry Town Office May 24 at 11 a.m.

WOODSTOCK—At 1 p.m. on Memorial Day, May 25, a ceremony, sponsored by the Bryant Pond Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, will be held at the Honor Roll near the Grange Hall. The program will include a keynote address by Rep. Jarrod Crockett, the Gettysburg Address, Logan's Address, an essay by a fourth-grader, and music by the Mahoosuc Community Band. The parade will then travel to the Lake-side Cemetery. A veterans' memorial prayer will be offered by the Jackson-Silver American Legion Post 68 chaplain, along with Taps and a 21 gun salute. Boy Scouts and school children are expected to take part. Refreshments will be served to parade participants afterward.

WEST PARIS—A Memorial Day Parade will take place May 25 at 11 a.m., beginning at the Finnish American Heritage Center. Grand marshals will be Albert Penley, Jr. and Bertha DeHaas. The parade will go to the bridge to honor those lost at sea, then march to the Wayside Cemetery for a service led by Pastor Lloyd Waterhouse and Bruce Tyner. Graves will be decorated. The parade will return to the Veteran's Memorial in the village for closing ceremonies.

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Greenwood wedding photographer wins international award

By ALISON ALOISIO

Photographer Andree Kehn of Greenwood has been named one of the top 100 wedding Photojournalists in the world by the Wedding Photojournalist Association (WPJA).

The international organization of wedding photojournalists releases a top-100 list of photographers annually. This

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Letters

'SKATE ON, LADS'

To the Editor:

To you and through you to your gentle readers: It was indeed a pleasure to open the May 14 paper and see that Col. Bennett, the Bard of Mayville, is back in the saddle or rather behind the typing instrument!

Then, my pleasure was dashed when I read "Start By Taking Care of the Park we've Got." Benjamin Franklin once remarked that a Nation is judged by how it treats its dead. I concur but further would suggest that a community is also judged by how it treats its young adults and aged citizens!

I am certain as Memorial Day comes around we will all see how Bethel and the surrounding communities and hamlets treat their respected dead!

What distressed me most about the Letter to the Editor, was the pejorative and condescending tone. In the "old" days when we knew each other in this community and we knew who the parents of children were had such behavior as was implied by Mr. Greenberg happened there would have been a phone call or a visit to a parent or grandparent to make a helpful suggestion regarding the skatepark and a child's responsibility/behavior. Or most certainly in the 1960/70s, a person seeing such activity would have stopped and spoken to the children themselves in a quiet, gentle manner suggesting that for the sake of safety other behavior would be appreciated.

I suppose that Mr. Greenberg did not know the youth, his or her parents, and did not take the time to introduce himself and make positive suggestions as to better behavior. ??? Maybe the old-fashioned approach would have served his cause better.

All too often these days I hear around the village that people do not like this or that about Bethel or they feel that they have come to save us "poor natives" from ourselves.

Constructive change is always good and a community can always improve with progressive positive change carefully thought out and in the best interest of "all."

To that end I have decided to start a small campaign. The Chamber of Commerce so nicely gives directions and invites everyone to Bethel, to stay, spend their money and to love us. I in juxtaposition will gladly give anyone that comes and does not like our children or aged citizens, the other map, the one that shows you how to get out of town free.

Lastly, there have been many nice people move into this town in the last 30/40 years who like it here and like us the way we are. They learned who our ancestors, parents and even who are children are. They have joined us and support us in mutual endeavors to the greater good. They love us for who we truly are. They know who they are and that this letter is not directed at them. But for the rest of you, stop me on the street; I am sure to have the "Get out of Town Free Map" with me on any given day. I should be most happy to point you to a new more rewarding life elsewhere!

Skate on, Lads!

S.T. Seames.
Bethel Hill

BEWARE THE PLANT POACHERS

To the Editor:

There is such a thing in Bethel as a Plant Poacher. They go on land that you are paying taxes on to the town of Bethel and dig up plants that you cherish. They leave holes in your land and garden.

The land I own and pay taxes on is located on Route 2 and has been in my family for over 60 years. I am extremely upset that something like this could happen in Bethel, my hometown.

Maybe this person or these persons thought the land was abandoned, but I am working to refurbish it as best I can. I don't think I need help from land poachers. No Trespassing signs do not add to the beauty of Bethel.

Plants should be given the dignity of living where their owners plant them. The plants stolen this week were planted by my father, Jim. They were starting to bloom and plants do not transplant well when they are blossoming. You could have contacted me and asked to buy them from me when the time was right for transplanting.

Again, Bethel residents, Beware of Plant Poachers.

Owen J. Brown
Bethel

ATHLETIC BOOSTERS: 'THANKS'

To the Editor:

To all of the volunteers: The words "Thank You" cannot start to express the appreciation and gratitude for all of the hard work displayed on Saturday at the first annual Contractors Day at Telstar. The Telstar Athletic Boosters would like to acknowledge the talents of all of the construction workers, landscapers, painters, parents, students, and coaches for donating their time on Saturday to truly make a positive change on our campus. It is amazing to see what can be done in one day by a caring community on the behalf of our students and athletes. A special thank you to Rick and Ron Savage for the idea and organization to help make this all possible and to the Bethel Area Business Association and the Bethel Inn for keeping everyone fed. A job well done to everyone and we are looking forward to next year!

Mark C. Kenney
for Telstar Athletic Boosters

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NO INVOLVEMENT WITH COCAINE, GUNS

To the Editor:

In an effort to clarify some possible confusion, many who attended the trial of Sherwood Jordan would like the public to know that it was made clear several times throughout the seven-day proceedings, including through testimony provided by key witnesses for the prosecution (who had already pled guilty to charges of conspiracy) that Sherwood Jordan had no involvement with cocaine. Also, it was clarified throughout the trial that Sherwood Jordan was not a member of the Iron Horsemen.

Although this trial included three defendants tried simultaneously, it was also pointed out a number of times that Sherwood Jordan did not even know co-defendants Richard Szpyt or Ramon Dellosantos prior to the 2008 arrests made in this case. To clarify another point of possible confusion for anyone who may have seen the recent television reports which displayed guns as part of confessions, please know that Sherwood Jordan was not involved with firearms.

Situations such as this are complicated and are obviously difficult enough without added confusion.

Mitzie Naples and Jewel Clark

Bethel

'FACT OR FICTION' REBUTTAL

To the Editor:

They are at it again with their mud slinging by trying to discredit and disgrace others who oppose them, while trying to make themselves look like they are a gift to the town and can do no wrong.

Stated below are some facts on "conflict of interest." Maine law encompasses four "conflict of interest" situations that can occur in municipal government. 1) Financial conflict of interest. 2) Incompatibility of office. 3) Prohibited appointment or employment. 4) Bias. There are essentially two types of Bias, 1) "Familial" Bias and 2) "Prejudicial" Bias. "Familial" Bias in Maine Statutes, Title 1, ss71 (6) is a disqualification statute which means that when a municipal officer is sitting as a quasi-judicial officer (selectperson) to decide on matters involving a relative of blood or marriage, the related municipal officer should either step down as a quasi-judicial officer or seek written permission from all parties to the proceeding to remain. The "Prejudicial" Bias is when the bias is so strong that the official cannot make an impartial decision, thereby depriving the applicant of his or her right to a fair and objective decision (The above facts were obtained from the MMA manual and Maine Statutes).

At the April 14 selectmen's meeting, Planning Board member Ruby Kulpa was gavelled down by the Select Board chairman (Kevin's wife), when she tried to speak about Kevin, in regards to not meeting the attendance requirements as specified in the Planning Board Ordinance.

At the April 21 selectmen's meeting, the Select Board chairman brought up a subject about Ruby, that had nothing to do with the Planning Board matter, and tried to incorporate them together to discredit and disgrace this woman for only doing her job and following the Planning Board Ordinance and the attendance requirements as so stated within the Ordinance.

At the May 5 selectmen's meeting, Kevin was put on the agenda (at the last minute by the Select Board chairman without notice to anyone else) and allowed to speak in rebuttal for over 20 minutes. He even made a threatening remark about calling his attorney(s) to one member of the Board of Selectmen (heaven forbid that he be gavelled down).

Susan Merrow, the Select Board chairman (Kevin's wife), did not step down or seek written approval from anybody when discussing what action should be taken in regards to him not meeting the Andover Planning Board Ordinance attendance requirements, as set forth and so stated within the ordinance. These are clear violations of both "Bias" Conflict of Interest Laws, (among other issues such as behavior unbecoming of a public official) and all prior proceedings and decisions must be dismissed and re-heard before the remaining Select Board without bias.

Victor Peterson
Andover

'HEALTHY EATING ON A BUDGET' THANKS

To the Editor:

We want to take this opportunity to thank the eight local restaurants and caterers who voluntarily participated in our successful "Healthy Eating on a Budget" program presented by the To Your Health Committee of Western Mountains Senior College (WMSC). These restaurants and caterers were among some 21 local eateries contacted last fall as part of the To Your Health Committee's series on de-stressing your life by eating healthy on a budget.

Over 200 healthy meals were specially prepared and served by the participating restaurants and caterers. They also generously shared their recipes and healthy eating tips, which added to the success of the program. These restaurants and caterers included: Café DiCoco, Sassafras Market, Bethel Inn Millbrook Tavern, Good Food Store, Rooster's Roadhouse, The Victoria Inn, The Sudbury Inn and S. S. Milton.

There was limited seating at all these healthy eating evenings, and we realize that not everyone who wanted to attend was able to make a reservation. With this in mind, the To Your Health Committee, with the help of the Continuing Education Department of SAD44, is preparing a booklet of all recipes and healthy tips. These booklets will be given to WMSC members and made available to anyone else interested at a nominal fee. Watch for details in the WMSC Column of the Bethel Citizen.

To Your Health is offered as a community service to bring health concerns of interest to the community. It is presented by WMSC with the collaboration of Bethel Family Health Center, SAD44/Continuing Education and Wayne DuPlessis, counselor.

Rosabelle Tiff and Judy Whitman
Co-Chairs, WMSC Healthy Eating on a Budget Program

THANKS, FOODLINER

To the Editor:

The Rotary Club of Bethel recently approved and purchased four Three-Day Supply Food Packs for the Bethel Food Pantry. These Food Packs are a current project of the "Friends of the Food Pantry." In these difficult economic times on many occasions area families can run in to hard times in which they need food supplies while waiting to get on assistance programs. This is where these food packs come into good service.

The Rotary Club recently approached Colleen McCabe, manager of the Bethel Foodliner, and asked if she had the products in stock on the Food Pack List. To our great surprise and gratitude, not only did she help us with finding the listed food items for Rotary's four food packs, but the next day when Rotarians arrived to shop the Bethel Foodliner staff had already compiled four food packs on their own to be donated. The owners of the Bethel Foodliner, Carl and Pat Glidden, having heard of our charitable efforts immediately stepped in with their own donation of these food products for the food packs.

It never ceases to amaze me how quickly our area businesses step in and partner with Rotary for charitable endeavors on a moment's notice. Kudos to you Pat, Carl, Colleen and the Bethel Foodliner for your generosity to the community. Thank you.

Mike Steven
President, Rotary Club of Bethel

PROM THANKS

To the Editor:

Thank you to all who helped make the Telstar prom a wonderful evening.

The Telstar High School junior class traditionally fundraises for and organizes the junior/senior prom held in May every year. This year's prom was held on May 9 at the beautiful Ski Esta House on Powder Ridge in Newry.

Back in January some of the kids in the junior class got the idea that they would like to contact the owners of Ski Esta to see if it would be possible to hold their prom there. Sophia Bilinsky willingly agreed and generously donated her brand new home for our use. She really took a leap of faith in letting us carry out such an event on her property. We cannot thank her enough for such a kind act. It allowed for a very elegant evening.

We would also like to thank Joel Kane, our caterer, for providing a delicious dinner and chocolate fountain. Asher Wilson and Jeremy Putnam, our D.J.'s, kept everyone dancing to great music all night. Francis and Barbara Dumont gave us many hours of help in setting up for and breaking down from the prom. They helped us move furniture and transport tables and chairs to and from the house. Thank you to Jim Largess and Sunday River for the use of tables and chairs. Thank you to Roger Beaujouin of the Matherhorn Ski Bar for the use of their parking lot. Thank you also to the We Party store for the donation of balloons and the last minute help you gave us in filling the balloons. Thank you to Ross Swan for designing the glass mugs we gave as gifts to the seniors. Thank you to the many parents, teachers, bus drivers and junior class students who gave of their time to make this event special. We could not have pulled off this event without your energy, ideas, patience and muscles. Lastly, thank you to the SAD44 administration for allowing the junior class to run with this idea. There were certainly many reasons to say no to this location, but Dan Hart and Ron Deegan worked hard to make it happen. They worked with us to provide safe transportation to and from the prom. It is great to work in this community. We feel very privileged to have the support we do.

Sarah Southam (Junior Class Co-Advisor), Ellen Marshall (Junior Class Co-Advisor) and the Junior Class Prom Committee Telstar Regional High School

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The Citizen welcomes letters to the editor. We hope our readers will regard the newspaper as a public forum for discussing any topic they believe to be of interest to the community.

Insofar as possible, we attempt to publish letters without alteration, but we do reserve the right to edit for length, libel, taste and readability.

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10 years ago: SAD44 directors approved the appointment of Jolene Littlehale as assistant principal/TITLE I teacher for the Woodstock Elementary School.

Louise Fitzmorris, an Army veteran of the Vietnam conflict, was elected the first woman commander of the Jackson-Silver American Legion Post 68.

Halifax Brothers Company of Lewiston was repairing the roof of the Cole Block.

Birth: Tanner James Wheeler.

Deaths: James L. Brown; Michael S. Cuff.

20 years ago: Robin Smith's kindergarten class at the Woodstock School planted a flower garden outside the school.

Ripley and Fletcher Co. planned to relocate its Main Street Gulf Station to the location occupied by Charlie's Gulf on Railroad Street.

The works of area artists Monica Mann and Satoko Fujinaki were on display at the Bethel Library.

Births: Thomas Jeffrey Cox; Elliott Jordan Munn.

Deaths: Henry T. Higgins; Winola Brown (12-18-1988)

30 years ago: Ted Chadbourne, Ron Kendall, Margaret Tibbets and Richard Carter were appointed to three-year terms on Bethel Budget Committee.

In observance of Arbor Week, Lyle Wiggins of Evans Notch Ranger Headquarters visited students at the Locke Mills School and presented each with a small tree to plant.

The Newry Mothers Club held a Mother and Daughter Banquet at the Bear River Grange hall.

Births: Clint Thomas Myers; Nicole Lee Walker; David Alan Sweetser.

Death: Forrest B. Merrill.

40 years ago: Retiring teachers Ethel Ward and Ruth Hastings were honored at a meeting of the Parent Teacher Association at Crescent Park School.

The Bethel Inn golf course opened May 24. Individual memberships were \$80 and family memberships, \$90.

Celeste Gauthier, John Learned and Timothy Powers planted shrubs donated by the Newry Mothers Club at the Raymond C. Foster School.

Births: Grayson George Mountain, Michael James Morin.

Deaths: Harland J. (Pete) Shaw, Grace Noyes Emery.

50 years ago: Work had been started on widening the landing strip at the Bethel Airport.

The home of Carleton Saunders, Skillingston, was damaged, mostly by water, when the fire department was called to extinguish a roof fire.

Miss Noni Dinsmore presented her pupils in a Dance Revue with the theme "Dancing Around the Calendar" at the William Bingham Gymnasium.

Births: Sherry-Lynn Aker; Kim Alina Strout; Michael Allanson Nobel

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Briefly

Bikers, Albany man found guilty

PORLTAND—The ex-president of the Maine chapter of the Iron Horsemen Motorcycle Club and two co-defendants have been found guilty of running a major cocaine and marijuana distribution ring between Massachusetts and Maine. A federal jury in Portland deliberated for seven hours over two days before returning its verdict Wednesday against Richard Szypt and Ramon Dellosantos and Sherwood Jordan of Albany Township. Szypt, of Haverhill, Mass., kept a home in Old Orchard Beach, Maine, and was chapter president from 2005 until the indictments were handed up last spring. The Portland Press Herald said Szypt and Jordan face between 10 years and life. More than a dozen other defendants had pleaded guilty to taking part in the drug conspiracy. Some testified for the prosecution during the six-day trial. (See letter, facing page.)

SAU37 likely to dodge consolidation

AUGUSTA—School Union 37, serving Rangeley and surrounding communities, most likely will be exempted from the laws requiring school administration consolidation, according to state Rep. Jarrod Crockett, who cosponsored the enabling legislation. On May 4, the Legislature's Education and Cultural Affairs Committee voted unanimously for a bill that exempts three school systems from the consolidation mandate. The other two are School Administrative District 12, serving the towns of Jackman and Moose River; and School Union 60, which serves Greenville and surrounding towns. Bills that emerge from committee with unanimous support almost always pass the full House and Senate, according to Rep. Crockett (R-Bethel). This legislation, LD 467, carries an emergency preamble, which means it will take effect when signed by the governor. Non-emergency bills that become law do not go into effect until 90 days after the Legislature adjourns. The Education Committee released its report on May 15. The three school systems exempted from the regionalization requirements are considered geographically isolated and impractical to consolidate. That designation exempts them from the requirement to form regional school units with a student population of at least 1,200. The Rangeley system will have fewer than 200 students. Under the terms of the legislation, the Commissioner of Education is required to treat the three systems in a manner similar to the treatment of coastal islands. There will be no penalties or other legal complications, according to Rep. Crockett, a first-term legislator and an attorney. "This is a great development for Rangeley," he said. "One plan would have consolidated Bethel and Rangeley schools into one school system; but that system would have about 1,100 students, still short of the 1,200-student minimum. And the schools would be nearly 70 miles apart, creating complications for school board members. "I was glad to be part of the process to remove Rangeley from the consolidation requirements," he added. "I think this will be in the best interests of the entire Rangeley school community." School Union 37 serves the towns of Rangeley, Dallas Plantation, Lincoln Plantation, Magalloway Plantation, Rangeley Plantation and Sandy River Plantation.

Wildlife viewing platform OK'd

BETHEL—A Bethel resident got the go-ahead from planners last week to construct a wildlife viewing platform within 250 feet of the Androscoggin River. The first-of-its-kind project for Bethel planners to review was proposed by Patrick Stanton. Stanton's project involves building a small screened-in naturalist cabin with bird charts and optical equipment for use by neighbors, friends, family and other naturalists. Because it is in the river's floodplain zone, it required a shoreland zoning permit and board review.

Region 9 budget approved

MEXICO—The 50 or so people who turned out for Tuesday's Region 9 budget election overwhelmingly approved a \$2 million secondary figure and a \$297,000 adult and community education budget. The 10-minute vote was moderated by local lawyer David Austin. The new secondary budget was passed by a vote of 43-5. The adult education budget passed 43-2. Although the approved secondary budget for school year 2009-10 is 5 percent higher than the current year's, the 16 member towns will be liable for only about \$30,000 more because \$80,000 will be carried over from the current year. Of the \$297,000 adult education budget, member towns will be responsible for just over \$191,000. The remaining funds will come from a variety of other sources including grants and student fees. Each member district and town will pay its share of the two budgets through their respective school taxes. Director Brenda Gammon said the rise in the operational budgets is caused by a doubling in electricity costs, 3 percent salary hikes for all employees, and the launching of a new semester-long program that aims to introduce sophomores to the various vocational programs offered at the school. The Region 9 School of Applied Technology cooperative board unanimously adopted the two budget figures at a meeting that followed the election.

Ordinance hearing in Newry

NEWRY—A public hearing on proposed changes to the Unified Review Development Ordinance will take place Monday, June 1, at 5 p.m. at the Town Office.

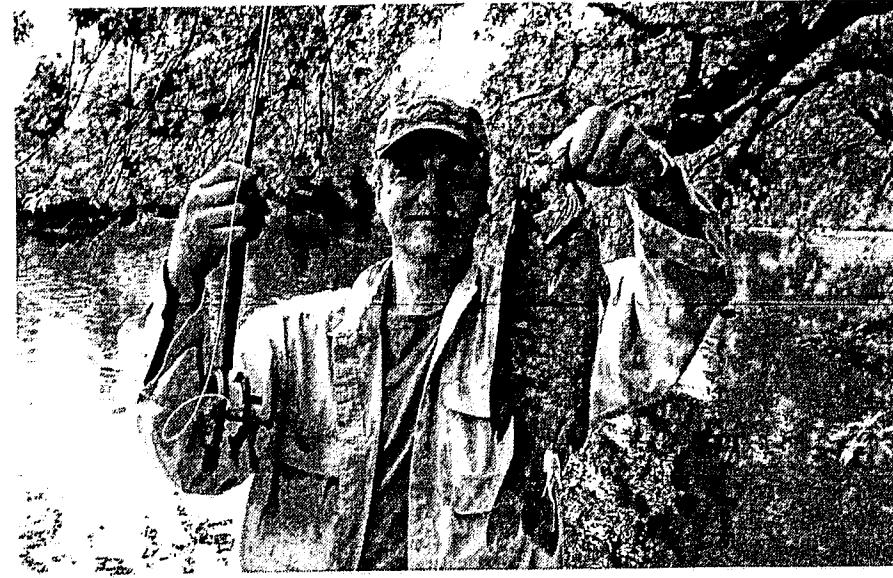
New Region 9 agreement planned

MEXICO—The Region 9 board on Tuesday tentatively adopted a new cooperative agreement pending approval by the vocational school's lawyer. The new agreement, which outlines cost sharing and board representation for each sending district or unaffiliated town, was changed to meet the re-configuration of the newly created Western Foothills School District, also known as Regional School Unit 10. Prior to the Foothills creation, the 11 board members came from SAD43, SAD21, SAD44, and the unaffiliated towns of Gilead, Hanover and Upton. The size of the board will remain the same, at 11. SAD44, Bethel, will retain its two members, and Gilead and Upton will keep one representative each. SAD43, SAD 21 and Hanover are members of the new Foothills regional district. They will retain a total of seven members, but no more than two of the seven may serve from the same town at the same time. Votes are weighted for each sending member, with Gilead at 7, Upton with 3, Foothills school district at a total of 728, and SAD44 with a total of 24. A third district that joined with the Foothills district, SAD39 in Buckfield, sends its vocational students to Region 11 at Oxford Hills Comprehensive High School in Norway/Paris. Each of Region 9's member districts must now approve the cooperative agreement before it becomes policy. The board is expected to act on final approval at next month's meeting. Board Chairman Norman Clanton said all approvals must be in place prior to the end of June when the Foothills district becomes official and SAD 43 and SAD 21 no longer exist separately.

CORRECTION

CALVARY BIBLE CHURCH PARTNERED ON AES FOOD PROJECT—An article in last week's Citizen on a project that pays for pupil meals at the Andover Elementary School should have said that the Calvary Bible Church is a partner in the effort.

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year: federal stimulus funds provided this year are not expected in FY11; there will be fewer district funds available to carry forward; and there will be additional reductions in state aid because of increasing property valuations.

If the money transfer is approved this year, there will be little money left in unexpended balances, he said.

History of funds

About 15 years ago, the district established what SAD44 officials described at the time as a "cash reserve investment account."

Annually, deposits from unanticipated revenues and unexpended balances were made and the accrued interest was reinvested each year.

The availability of the funds was only recognized in 2007, according to Murphy.

By then, the funds totaled approximately \$1.5 million.

Murphy said at the time that the extra funds had likely resulted from conservative projections each year of estimated revenue for the upcoming year.

Sources of revenue include balance carried forward, tuition receipts, transportation services and other miscellaneous revenue, as well as state subsidy and additional local funds.

But Maine law requires that unallocated balances in excess of 3 percent of the previous year's school budget be disbursed to reduce the state and local share of education over a period not to exceed three years.

So in 2007 a plan to spend down the fund was drawn up.

And with the school consolidation law on the horizon at that time, Murphy said, the district was advised to establish the Capital Reserve Account to protect the money in case of a possible merger with another school system.

Voters then approved moving \$700,000 of available balances into the Capital Reserve account.

In 2008, another \$500,000 was approved. In that year voters also approved the expenditure of \$311,140.80 of that total for two projects, the Telstar entryway and Telstar sprinkler system.

Ski Cuts

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being laid off, either temporarily or indefinitely.

The affected employees represent roughly 10 percent of Sunday River's full-time, year-round workforce, but many of their coworkers also got some unwelcome news.

Senior managers had their salaries reduced, and many staff had their hours cut back.

These cost-cutting moves followed an announcement earlier in the year that there would be two resort-wide "shutdown weeks" this year, during which employees either have to take vacation days or go unpaid.

Nick Lambert, Sunday River's marketing manager, described the actions as Sunday River's version of cost-cutting efforts that are not only "Boyne-wide," but industry-wide.

Two of Boyne's largest competitors, Intrawest and Vail" had already announced significant staffing cutbacks.

"The whole industry is down a bit and looking at these kinds of measures," Lambert said.

Julie Ard, Boyne's director

of communications, confirmed Lambert's assessment.

"The cutbacks at Sunday River are part of company-wide efforts resulting from review of our cost structures. In light of decreased revenues and the need to realistically project the next 12-18 months' sales as flat, at best, we must make adjustments," Ard told The Citizen.

According to preliminary figures released at last week's NSAA event, there were 57.1 million skier visits nationwide this season, down 5.5 percent from the previous season's 60.5 million.

But the Northeast was down only 2 percent.

Greg Sweetser of the Ski Maine Association said the region's numbers could have been even stronger if early snow had continued through the season.

"In March and April it never snowed, and we didn't quite make our numbers for those months," he said.

Downturn flushes real estate 'down the sewer'

Kircher, according to In-

dustry Report, remains optimistic, advising his fellow roundtable participants to: "Plan for this to be the new baseline. When it does turn around, I think in two years—and I think our customers are very resilient, they're going to come back very quickly."

But come back for the snow and the skiing, not the upscale real estate.

"The 12,000 to 24,000-square-foot home is a thing of the past," Kircher said. "The concept of real estate defining a resort is gone, probably for our lifetime."

Bill Jensen certainly agreed.

Jensen, a former vice president for marketing and sales at Sunday River, is now CEO of Intrawest.

"The old Intrawest focus had been real estate for 20 years," he said. "That went into the toilet, flushed down the sewer and into some ocean, so that business opportunity is truly dead right now. It caused us to focus on where we do generate our revenue, where we were in a battle to survive."

Murder

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in his wallet.

Samson formerly worked as a cook at the Matterhorn Ski Bar in Newry and was staying at the Bethel Hostel, less than a quarter-mile away from the railroad crossing. Samson told police that he had worked at Libby's landscaping business the previous summer, and that Libby traveled to Bethel on the evening of Feb. 19 to collect \$400 he had loaned Samson and return a watch and bracelet he had taken as collateral.

Samson initially said the transfer occurred without incident, but later said he punched Libby in the face twice after Libby made sexual advances toward him. Samson said Libby left after the incident.

Porter filed several motions prior to Samson's indictment last month, seeking funds for a private investigator, the preservation of evidence and a record of the grand jury proceedings. Justice Andrew Hor-

ton approved these motions.

Porter also argued that investigators gave detailed information to potential witnesses in the case that may have affected their memory of events. He said Capt. Ernest Martin, administrator of the Oxford County Jail, had given inaccurate statements to reporters on Samson's behavior at the jail.

Samson was transferred to the Androscoggin County Jail in March after being briefly hospitalized following a fight. Martin said at that time that Samson had been involved in two additional fights.

Martin said Thursday that Samson was involved in two physical fights at the jail as well as a verbal confrontation that nearly escalated to blows.

"He wanted us to believe that he was a victim," Martin said. "It sounded like there was a consensus of opinion that Samson was the instigator. He would say things to deliberately provoke people."

Libby was a graduate of Windham High School and Bentley College in Waltham, Mass. He owned a greenhouse and landscaping company, and also worked as an accountant and bartender.

A memorial site to Libby recently praised the Maine Legislature's decision to legalize same-sex marriage, saying, "For the first time in his life, Scott would have been able to contemplate the possibility of someday getting married in his home state."

Assistant Attorney General Andrew Benson said he did not believe Libby's sexuality was the reason he was murdered.

"I'm always reluctant to discuss the facts of a given case," Benson said Thursday. "However, I have no reason to believe that Scott Libby's sexual orientation played any role in this case."

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From the Bethel Police Log:

Tuesday, May 19

At 4:16 p.m. Officer Jeff Campbell responded to the West Bethel Road for a two-vehicle property damage accident.

Monday, May 18

At 1:09 a.m. Officer Michael Grenier responded to Mason Street for a report of harassment. Several subjects were warned.

Sunday, May 17

(Time not available) Officer Bill Britting observed a vehicle traveling 72 mph in a 55 mph zone on Route 2. Jason P. Smith, 30, was arrested for OUI.

At 11:24 p.m. Officer Rusty Daley responded to the Grover Hill Road for a report that a driver had almost struck several pedestrians. The driver was located and warned.

At 5:40 p.m. Officer Bill Britting received a report of erratic operation on Route 26. The vehicle was stopped and the driver checked, with no problems found.

Thursday, May 14

At 6:46 p.m. Officer Michael Grenier responded to Philbrook Street for a 911 hangup call. No one was at the residence.

Wednesday, May 13

At 11 p.m. Officers Jason Goff and Jeff Campbell responded to the North Road for a report of a subject operating under the influence. The vehicle was gone on arrival.

This report highlights points of interest from the Bethel Police Department log. It lists cases reported in the log of adults being arrested or issued a summons in the 10 days prior to the newspaper's publication, but does not include all reports of police activity, such as routine speeding tickets and other civil violations. To reach the Bethel Police Department, call 911 in emergency situations, 824-3437 in non-emergencies.

State Police report highlights:

(Bethel region)

Trooper Casey stopped a vehicle in Andover and determined the operator was under the influence. He was arrested and subsequently charged with 2nd Offense OUI and Operating without a License in Violation of Condition or Restriction.

Tr Huckins interviewed a witness from a residential burglary in Woodstock. The witness agreed to take Tr. Huckins to the location of a stolen Dell computer. However, one of the suspects had removed the Laptop already. Another interview will be scheduled with an incarcerated suspect.

Tr Huckins investigated an assault at an American Legion Hall in Greenwood. The dispute was between a 70-year-old man and a 23-year-old female. They were arguing about the Legion's financial records when the 23-year-old female hit the man in the head. The female was summonsed for assault.

Bethel



by Donald G. Bennett

The top news of the week, maybe the year, maybe the decade was

the "Fiddler on The Roof" production at Telstar High School. It was unquestionably a most ambitious, entertaining and professionally accomplished performance. And that goes for the orchestra, the cast, the stage managers, the lighting crew, the producers and directors.

It was extremely smoothly

delivered with no dead spots

in the entire two and one-half

hours. Was it the perfect cast

for the story or the perfect story for the cast? Thirty-one students were on stage. The pit orchestra had 10 very talented, hard-working musicians

including the music director, Jennifer Bennett. Twelve

students, parents and friends

held important jobs and in the

production staff list. Producer

and theatrical director Tom

Coolidge should be supremely

proud of his students' work,

his own organizing and direc-

tion and the great boost he has

given to Telstar's image.

By my estimate during the

three nights that the show

was presented, nearly 900 people

attended. The adults who

made up most of the night-

ly audiences must have gone

away much impressed with

this student production — a

pile of credit to the Telstar

student body. Voices, acting,

stage scenery and slick scene

changes made the show admira-

ble.

A.J. Hebert's performance as Tevye, the father, should go

down in history as unforgettable.

Russian and wedding

dancers Joel and Jeremy Put-

nam were too good not to re-

ceive special mention. Dylan

Coolidge looked and acted

like a real 1905 era Rabbi. Last

but not least — a star with no

speaking part — the wheel-

barrow has got to be included

in the list of star performances.

A Mayville News reporter

very much enjoyed the Thurs-

day night's special dinner

theater at The Victoria Inn.

There were two main events:

a dinner and a performance

of a comedy, "Good Help Is So

Hard to Murder," with an all-

female cast. The Victoria of-

fered a special menu begin-

ning with a Victoria House

salad, and then a choice of

three entrees: pork tenderloin

with rhubarb compote, pan

roasted salmon with orange

chive butter and chicken pic-

cata with a white wine lem-

on caper sauce. Dessert was

maple apple crisp. About two

dozen came to enjoy the first

showing of this play in town

and the first time the Bethel

Community Players had per-

formed a dinner theater event

at The Victoria. Dessert and

coffee were served during the

play's intermission.

Dinner theater shows have

a definite appeal due to a ten-

dency of audience and players

to merge into one group. Inter-

action is a key feature — lots

of laughter from audience and

actors, actresses.

At Bethel Outdoor Adven-

ture the Parsons family was

hard at work, at least quite

busy, getting ready for the

summer season. Sons Charles

and Jonathan are home from

college.

The campground is being

put into shape and the canoes

and kayaks put in position for

river boating. June 6 is Na-

tional Trails Day and the Par-

sons will be hosting center for

many of the day's events. Fa-

thers' Day in June will be the

date for an Androscoggin Riv-

er canoe race.

Last week Jeff, Seabury Lyon

and Jim Clannin were setting

up the gem and mineral dig

and sluice tent attraction that

was first opened last summer.

Jim Clannin from Albany is

the geologist in charge. This

spot is a hands-on introduc-

tion to mining that starts with

a dig into a pile of mined grav-

el, rock and minerals from Mt.

Mica.

Once a visitor has his or

her bucket of mine products

in hand they go to the sluic-

ing area to see what gems and

minerals can be found and sep-

arated from their dig. There is

an extensive mineral display

arranged by the sluice pump

and troth. Also as part of the

display are large chunks of

rock which hold bands of peb-

ble-sized tourmalines.

Last winter Jeff and Pattie

took advantage of a winter off

and went to England to visit

friends and family and at the

same time took a side trip to

France. When they had gotten

back to Bethel from England,

their daughter, Emily, who

lives in Hong Kong had found

an unbeatable deal on airline

tickets to Hong Kong so off

they went again.

Jeff intimated that he was

curious to see how well the

former crown colony was do-

ing in Chinese hands. They

spent a lot of time riding eleva-

tors up and down in new high-

rise additions to the landscape

that have popped up since the

governor general packed up

and sailed home.

New construction at the site

of what is to be the BearHaven

Crossing market place went

ahead quickly last week. The

foundation is in. Rapid Ralph

and Sons, Concrete, of South

Paris did the forms setting

and on Thursday Coleman

Concrete of Bethel had three

trucks of ready mix going into

the forms. Saturday the forms

were taken away and we have

a new foundation for our

kitchen window view.

At Monday night's Board of

Selectmen meeting, there

was a 4 to 1 vote to approve

a two-percent wage increase

for town employees in the

Fiscal 2010 year. The warrant

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chores that must be done to put the garden to sleep and get the house in order for the coming Winter! Frosts have led to freezes, and freezes to snow. I still get a thrill from the announcement of "no school, all schools, all day," even though it's been a zillion years since I was a student or teacher or counselor in school. It just seems like a gift of sorts. And though I gripe about shoveling, I really love a fresh snowfall and the chance to don cross-country skis and glide along the trails.

My favorite season? Whichever one is happening right now!

Hummingbirds arrived last week at the Hockstet, as did at least one indigo bunting. We're still trying to figure out exactly where the phoebe are nesting. There appears to be nest-building activity in at least two places, but they are very secretive birds. Unless we do nothing else for several hours except watch the suspected venues, we have little chance of seeing them until they're actually hatching eggs.

Gail Martin called to report that she and her husband took a walk near their Flat Road camp and saw painted trillium, a first for her. She recalled that as a child, she and her siblings would pick a bouquet of red trillium to give to Mom on Mother's Day. (Let me hasten to say that nowadays picking any trillium blossoms is a no-no.) Her father called them "stinkin' Benjamins." Does anyone out there know from whence came that name?

The Bethel Senior Citizens had lunch last week at the Bethel Alliance Church. They were entertained by a program of music played on the organ and on some antique instruments of unusual design. According to Jane Hosterman, the concert was quite lovely and very interesting.

Speaking of Jane, she will very soon be attending her 65th Simmons College reunion. Wow! What a landmark celebration that will be. You go, girl!

Bethel Community Players finished their dinner theater stint at the Victoria Inn last Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. They presented a comedy/mystery entitled, "Good Help Is So Hard to Murder," to a full house all three nights. As one of the players, I can say that we had a wonderful time and hope our audienc-

es did as well. Many thanks to Stacey and Kamil Sahin, proprietors of the Victoria, and to Lynn Arizzi, our director, as well as to Joe Arizzi for sound effects and to Ross Timberlake for lighting, cueing, etc.

This is Memorial Day weekend coming up. On Saturday, the 23rd, the Bethel Historical Society will have its annual "St. Never's Day" yard sale on the lawn at Stan Howe's house on Broad Street. Be sure to stop by and find that certain item without which your life will hereafter be meaningless.

Another date to put on your calendars is Saturday, May 30, when the Bethel Library will have its annual plant sale. This is not to be missed, as it is an opportunity to pick up perennials and some annuals for unbelievably low prices. Gates open promptly at 9 a.m. in the yard between the library and Robinson House.

I'm always hoping to hear from you: dhoeh@megalink.net or 836-3011.

Upton

by Laurie Brown

May 14
News

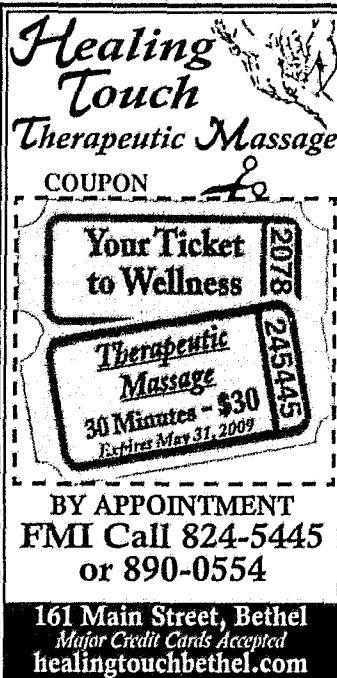
Jennifer Aldrich will be attending the U of M in Oro in the fall where she will be majoring both in psychology and in music education. Congratulations, Jenn.

Michelle Aron has been accepted at several colleges and hasn't yet determined which one is her first option. Congratulations, Michelle.

Lisa Aron has completed her first year at Thomas College and has enlisted in the U.S. Marines. She'll be leaving for basic training in Paris Island, N.C., the end of this month. Congratulations, Lisa. I thought this was your first choice all along. Now, since you've been to college, and the Marines is still your first choice, I bet you'll enjoy it and excel.

Bob, Pippi, and I enjoyed watching Ben catch both baseball games for CMCC as they vied for and won their league championship. They beat both Hesser College and Vermont Tech. Nice job.

There will be a benefit spaghetti supper for Charlie LaValee on June 6 from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Ladies Aid Building. Charlie lost everything when his home burned.



Besides the three selectmen, Jim Rector, Ken Gibbons, Bob Brown, Ed Bennett, Bob Dapilito, Paul Thibodeau, Joe Bernier, Brian Knightly, and yours truly attended the Selectmen meeting Wednesday.

Mr. Mercier, anxious to get the meeting underway, wanted to discuss JML's entrance to the landfill without the presence of an attendant, which is against the rules. The town was under a deadline to have the tires and metal removed and JML was willing to remove them.

Each time Norm Mercier reiterated this issue, Rod accepted responsibility for permitting the JML company entrance without an attendant present and he assured his constituents it would not happen again.

Other accusations and innuendoes followed that were based on hearsay and conversations that took place outside selectmen meetings. As an observer and a taxpayer, this part of the meeting made me realize how much more effective the selectmen could be if persons would attend meetings and address their complaints and/or support directly to the board.

At last month's meeting, selectmen unanimously voted to hire Pete Eames to screen the gravel at the landfill, with the assistance of Kenny and the town backhoe, as required by the DEP, after suggestions by Norm Mercier. Selectmen deemed that Pete would be the most cost-efficient way to get the job done.

Wednesday, Mr. Mercier suggested Kenny Gibbons do the screening. After discussion, it was unanimously voted to uphold their original decision.

Selectmen unanimously voted to have Back Street and Lane Hill graveled by early June. On May 28 at 7 p.m. there will be a meeting to discuss and vote on the school budget. Immediately following that meeting, will be a mandated public hearing concerning the Flood Plain Ordinance.

Closed ballot voting on the school budget will take place June 9 at the Town Office. A required Town Meeting will be held June 25 at the schoolhouse for residents to vote on the shoreline zoning arti-

cles and the map and the flood plain ordinance.

Selectmen unanimously agreed to hire Bob Brown to put a new roof on the schoolhouse, dismantle the chimney, re-build the porch and handicap ramp. The town is not required to put such jobs out to bid. Two other local contractors were not interested in the job. Selectmen unanimously agreed to pay \$25 an hour, with a \$2,700 cap to Kenny Gibbons to mow the town's lawns.

Kenny received several compliments both from selectmen and the floor on the conditions of the roads this past winter.

On April 8, Selectmen made the following appointments: Registrar of Voters, Jim Rector, Part-time planning board member, Jen Casey; Full-time planning board member, Dennis Casko; Road commissioner, Kenny Gibbons; Transfer Station attendant, Kenny Gibbons; Building Inspector, Bob Brown; Plumbing Inspector, Virgil Conkright; Animal Control Office, Horace Goodrum; and Librarian, Laurie Brown.

May 21 News

12 out of 19 returning Ladies Aid members rejoined at the annual business meeting. Two members rejoined but weren't present. Two members didn't rejoin, but intend to do so, and three new members joined the meeting. Thanks.

New members are welcomed at any time and do not need to be residents.

Officers elected were: Leslie Aron, president; Carol Norman, vice president; Cindi Casko, secretary; Penny Bernier, treasurer; and Laurie Brown, deputy secretary. The ladies drew names for their secret pals, enjoyed a tea with sandwiches and desserts, featuring a "hat" cake that Leslie made. They discussed plans for upcoming events and scheduled the next meeting for Thursday at 1 p.m. at their building.

Apparently the Citizen office didn't receive my faxed column for last week.... maybe because I actually sent it the day before the deadline, or maybe because for once, I typed it and they didn't recognize it. For whatever reason, I hope they'll print it and this column this week.

The spaghetti supper for Charlie LaValee, on June 6,

will feature homemade sauce and meatballs, tossed salad, Italian bread, and luscious desserts. Adults, \$7 and Kids, \$5.

The next selectmen meeting will be June 10 at 7 p.m.

The next planning board meeting will be May 29 at the town office.

Jim and Wilma Rector took friends up on their invitation to join them in St. Maarten for a week. They enjoyed wonderfully warm weather, averaging 87, and paraglided up to 800 feet! When they got home Saturday night, the power failure had kicked off their heater and the temperatures both inside and outside were not quite as warm and cozy!

Welcome home! Glad you enjoyed your vacation.

As part of the events that'll happen on July 18, hosted by the Ladies Aid Association, the Stateline Snowmobile Club, and friends of the Upton School, we'd like info on when Upton's oldest buildings (public and private) were built and by whom. Added information and pictures would be a wonderful bonus. Please mail any information you have to the Ladies Aid, 23 Mill Hill, Upton, ME 04261, or contact a member, or come join us at a meeting. Thanks.

If you were a student or teacher at the Upton School, or are a descendant or friend of one who did and have any interesting tidbits, pictures, or memories to share, please call Melanie Farmer at 899-9995 or e-mail her at melanief@megalink.net.

Have a wonderful week. Se-

lah.

My brother, Steve McLain was on hand Saturday to help with the lot clean up.

On Friday, May 15, Marina McLain, who is the daughter of Stephen and "Peachy" McLain, attended a graduation ceremony marking her promotion from 8th grade to the 9th grade. Her class attends the Denbigh Baptist Christian School, Newport News, Va. Marina is the granddaughter of Steve and Lise McLain.

Gilead Historical Society

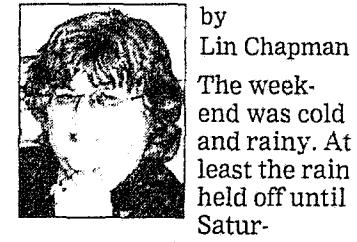
There were eight people who showed up for the Friends and Family Day (June 20) planning meeting. Five of the members of the GHS (Hugh and Lin Chapman, Steve McLain, Andre and Eileen Dupont) were able to stay and help with the clean up of the corner lot to get ready for the moving of the school house. There were also four great volunteers who showed up to lend a hand.

Alfred Leighton came with his bucket loader again and helped move some of the leftover debris and he brought along a helper, Dylan Gordon. The bucket loader made the work a lot easier and many thanks to Alfred. Richard and Sue Saunders, who were representing the Fire Department and just being good neighbors, stopped by to help. Richard and Steve loaded their pickups and hauled a lot of items to the transfer station.

Planning Board

The June Planning Board meeting will be held on June 11 instead of June 4 as previously scheduled.

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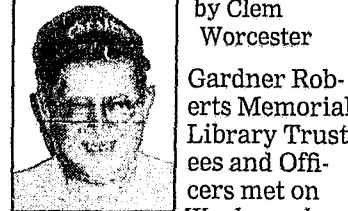
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Hanover

by Clem Worcester


Gardner Roberts Memorial Library Trustees and Officers met on Wednesday, May 13, at the library. The group accepted revisions to the by-laws and named Gail Parent to fill a vacancy of the trustees. The resignation of Trustee Maura Rodway was accepted with regret and the secretary was asked to send a letter of thanks for the assistance she provided.

The Library is now open on Wednesdays from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. The summer schedule starting June 3 will add Thursday evenings from 5 to 8 p.m. and Saturday mornings from 9 a.m. until noon. Volunteers will serve as expanded hours librarians along with Librarian Peggy Susbury.

Fundraisers planned for the summer include a plant sale starting soon on the porch along with the library bake sale; there will be a yard sale during the summer and raffle tickets for the picture quilt made by Dottie Adams are presently on sale at the library and from library officers and trustees. There are also plans for a "Pampered Chef Party" in June. Looking forward to autumn there will be a fall fest similar to

last year. Younger folks may be interested in craft days during the summer. The Gardner Roberts Memorial Library Annual Meeting will be June 17 at 6 p.m. at the library.

Librarian Peggy Susbury announced that a junior librarian has stepped in to help on Wednesday afternoons. Elementary school student Amber Souve says the library is a pleasant place to be and she enjoys helping.

Hanover voters will be asked to approve the operating budget of \$34,128,324 for Western Foothills Regional School Unit 10 along with the 11 other participating towns at a town-meeting-style meeting at Dirigo High School on June 4. That vote will be followed by a referendum vote on June 9 at the Hanover Town Office for Hanover voters. A public informational meeting for towns in the Hanover area will be in the lower meeting room at Mexico Town Hall on June 3 starting at 6 p.m.

The Hanover swim raft has been placed in Howard Pond for the summer season. One old fellow said that it may look like summer but it is still too darn cold to go swimming in Howard Pond.

The bear continues local visits, the latest reports coming from Howard Pond residents. Coyotes howling during the nighttime hours have caused sleep deprivation for some.

During recent conversations with good ole Jim Ray he reports that he is feeling better and Judy is making him stay on his diet.

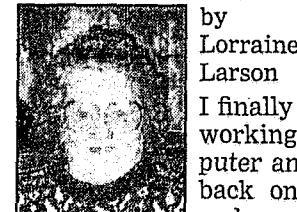
David Wainwright remains hospitalized at Central Maine Medical Center in Lewiston. We wish him a speedy recovery.

Dick Eaton of Kennebunkport and owner of Often-In along South Shore Road at Howard Pond passed away

during the winter following a period of ill health. Eaton's uncle, Parker Russell, previously owned Often-In and he purchased it with his wife Betty after Mr. Russell's death. Betty Eaton passed away several years ago. The Eatons' son, Jeff, is taking care of the cottage.

Hanover taxpayers are reminded that property taxes are due by June 30. The town will accept partial payments and will also accept Master Card and Visa credit/debit cards. Nobody wants to get their name in the "book."

Locke Mills

by Lorraine Larson


I finally get a working computer and get back on line and now I don't have much in the way of news. That figures!

I could give you a long list of trials and tribulations that people are going through but it seems we all have them, so I am sure you don't need more to add to the list you have. It just seems as if more and more stuff happens all the time. Probably it always did. I just have become more aware of it. It also might help to get some warmer and brighter weather but that is beyond anyone's control.

That said, by the time you read this Al Lake should be back from visiting his son, Brent, and family in Texas.

Crystal is staying until the 26th, as she says that a week is not long enough with her children and grandchildren. The little ones grow by leaps and bounds when you don't get to see them much. They do when you see them a lot, too, it just isn't noticeable.

I am still battling my ear problem. When one's tubes get blocked there isn't much you can do except use nose drops and wait. Of course you can only use the drops three days in a row and then you have to get off them for two days. The ears just get to feeling better and then you have the two days' wait and they have time to plug up all over again. I am not a very patient patient as one can see! I want to be able to hear normally again right off!

People are busy planting flowers and other seeds right now. Gardens take a lot of work. I have tried to grow stuff here but the soil is just not very conducive to growing anything after so many years of pine needles, and I don't get much sun where I can plant. I tried planting 25 bulbs and not one of them came up. I did have a bleeding heart that tried its best but it didn't come up last year either. I do have a straggling rhododendron that nothing can kill; it looks as if it is dead all during the winter but it cheerfully opens up when the warmer weather comes, and Owen Brown gave me a foreign-sounding lilac tree that does pretty well, at least the hummingbird moths seem to like it, and lilies of the valley and some day lilies complete my flower venture. Andy planted some rose bushes but they all died the second year. It was a lot of work for little results.

We were all sorry to hear of the death of Pauline Ouellette. It was so sudden and she should have had a lot more years left. She made Debbie and Owen's, dog, Brutus, and my Chloe some cute clothes. She was very talented. She will be missed.

Guess that's all for now. Until next week you keep it happening!

Andover

by Melinda Averill


Hello Andover friends. It's hard to believe that this is memorial weekend!

The Knights of Pythias will be having a memorial service on Monday morning starting at 10 a.m. This will be held at the town common. Pastors Jane Rich and Ken Wagstaff will both be participating in the service.

Sunday, May 24, will be Baccalaureate services at the First Congregational Church. Seniors from Andover this year are Austin Buck, Deagan Conrad, Amy Farrington, Candace Hall, Devin Hughes, Abigail Jones, Katherine MacGregor, Lindsey Milligan, Whitney Mills, Brandon Nadeau, and Audrienna Woods.

Celebrating a birthday this week: R.J. Cole Freeman on the 21st, and A.J. Currier on the 26th.

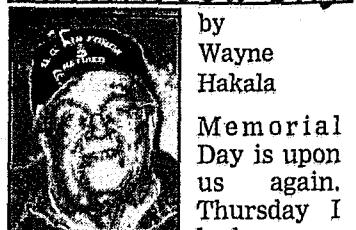
There will be a benefit dance tomorrow evening at the Andover Town Hall. This is a fundraiser to support Andover teen Daniel Vaughn on his trip to Italy this summer. Daniel was selected by 365 sports to the 2009 basketball team. While in Italy he will play in the 2009 shoot-out, a prestigious international tournament.

The dance will go from 7 to 10 p.m. This is a non-alcoholic family event. DJ services are being donated by Dan Richard.

Refreshments will be available for purchase. The cost: adults \$6 or \$5 with a canned food donation, students \$4 or \$3 with a canned food item. Canned food donations will go to the Andover Food Pantry.

Enjoy your weekend.

Greenwood City

by Wayne Hakala


Memorial Day is upon us again. Thursday I had an appointment in Togus. We saw many lilac bushes with open flowers along our journey back through Lewiston. And as I look around this rainy morning, my lilacs are far from ready to spring forward with color and a delightful nose tickler. But the Cortland apple tree is displaying its colors for all to see. Of course the ever-present dandelions are waiting for a surprise attack of Weed-Be-Gone.

May 24 at 11 a.m., Jackson-Silver Post 68 will be doing a Memorial Day service at the Newry Town Office. Then on the 25th at 9 a.m., a parade will form at the Legion Hall and march to the Greenwood Veterans Monument. A service will be presented and the parade will re-form to march to the cemetery on Route 26 for an additional service. At 11 a.m. the Post will do a service at the Middle Intervale Road in East Bethel. At 1 p.m., the Woodstock Parade will get underway.

In between the parades, there will be refreshments at the Legion Post. Also we are planning on removing the Post sign over the front door for a makeover by Norm Foster.

The Veterans' flags are being put out this week. Al Lake is leading the way and Terry Martin is assisting us with his very nimble side-by-side ATV. Ought to be a fun day.

Also we are looking to make a list of all the veterans buried at these cemeteries.

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tint, we hope to hit a few of these.

It's been a bit quiet here and I'm afraid I don't have anything to put in the column. If anyone has anything they would like for me to place, just drop me a line or give a shout and let me know.

We hope that everyone will have a great Memorial Day weekend.

Best wishes for a happy and safe week. God Bless and Keep.

Waterford



by Rockie Graham
Here it is past the middle of May and we are having frost after

frost. Monday was so cold that Tasha didn't even want to go out. This a.m. it was only 20 when I got up. BRR! I swear April was warmer than May. This too shall pass. It is scheduled to get warmer on Thursday; that would be today! We are ready and waiting.

By the time you read this, David will have returned from his scooter trip to Massachusetts. He felt like a pop-sicle when he arrived, hopefully he will come home on a warmer day. Still an awfully long trip for the scooter!

This week presents all kinds of fun on the holiday weekend. This is the time

camp owners traditionally arrive to open their camps. It is also the weekend of the Lilac Festival at McLaughlin Gardens. It runs from Thursday to Monday. Tours and sales of perennials and lilacs will happen. FMI www.melaghlin-garden.org.

Next weekend, the 30th, is the Bethel Library Plant Sale from 9 to 10 a.m. That is my favorite, although I haven't made it in the last few years. Everyone gathers up his or her cuttings to bring in and everyone also buys lots of plants. It is a great fundraiser and everyone goes away happy.

Sunday, the 24th, is Stoneham Rescue's annual Memorial Day Breakfast, 7 to 10 a.m. Adults are only \$5 and children \$2.50. Come meet the new chief.

In Norway on Monday, the Memorial Day Parade will take place, weather permitting starting at 9 a.m. at the Advertiser Democrat and proceeding up Main Street and finishing at the Veteran's Memorial. Line-up begins at 8:45 a.m.

Saturday, the 23rd, is the Bethel Historical Society St. Never's Day Sale. It will be held at the Hastings Homestead, corner of Mason and Broad streets. There is always a wide variety of treasures. FMI www.824-2908.

Look for many yard sales and watch a parade or two. Come support our troops and veterans by taking in a cele-

bration or two!

That is all for this week. Have a great Memorial Day weekend.

From

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For more information, call the Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce at (800) 442-5826, e-mail us at info@bethelmaine.com, or view our website: www.bethelmaine.com.

From

Bethel Senior Citizens

The Bethel Senior Citizens Club met May 13 at the Alder River Grange Hall in East Bethel for their meeting and luncheon with 21 members present. President Nancy Mercer conducted the meeting and led the salute to the flag.

Reports were given by Barbara Maher and Arlene Lowell.

The next meeting will be June 10 at Pleasant Valley Grange Hall in West Bethel. Meeting will start at 11 a.m. Price of dinner is \$7.

Hugh Swan will be the speaker and will talk about #1 hobo of the depression.

The door prize was won by Ernestine Riley.

July 8 is the date for the cruise on the Mount Washington on Lake Winnipesaukee. The price is \$32, there will be more details at the June meeting.

Several members read humorous stories.

May birthdays are: Bette Gilbert, Sandra Gunther, Denise Swan, Marie Witter and Cecile Lescault.

From

Oxford Hills Duplicate Bridge Club

Oxford Hills Duplicate Bridge Club met Friday in the Fare Share Commons building, Main Street, Norway. A 4-table Howell movement was enjoyed.

Finishing first in flight A were Errol Libby and Mike Quinn with Woody Mercier and Richard Balian second. Third were Marta Clements and Nancy Farmer.

Finishing first in flight B

were Kathy and Pete Cummings with Bev Pelletier and Jim Dickens with Suzanne Andrews and Carol Curran third.

There will be another game next week same time and place, all bridge players are cordially invited. A partner is always guaranteed; parking is in the rear.

From

Bethel Historical Society's Regional History Center

"Old Time Toys and Games" is the 2009 theme for the 30th annual Faye Taylor Memorial Art Show sponsored by the Bethel Historical Society on Saturday, May 23, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Students from SAD44 elementary schools are expected to compete to see who can produce the most appropriate work of art that fits this year's theme.

To enter, the work must be at the Historical Society's Dr. Moses Mason House by 3 p.m. on Friday, May 22, and prizes (1st, 2nd, 3rd) will be awarded in three divisions on Saturday as determined by at least three judges.

The show, held each year, honors a society founder, Faye S. Taylor, an artist, who also was very interested in encouraging an interest in art for young people. Everyone is welcome to come to the show and there is no admission charge.

The annual St. Never's Day sale will be held on Saturday, May 23, beginning at 9 a.m. and continue until 4 p.m. at the corner of Broad and Mason streets under a tent on Stan Howe's lawn. A wide range of articles from household goods to tools to furniture will be on sale, all donated by generous supporters of the society. All proceeds go to support the operations of the society and additional goods are always welcome. Please leave any items on Stan Howe's side porch at 18 Broad Street or on the back porch of the society's Robinson House at 10 Broad Street. Please no computer equipment, clothes or tires, but almost anything else in serviceable condition will be appreciated. If items need to be picked up, please call the

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As stated in the preface of "East Bethel Road," she wrote the book to provide a fence for one of Bethel's oldest burial grounds, Bartlett Cemetery, not far from where she grew up in East Bethel. It was a genuine "labor of love" and a model local history, which was published by Citizen Printers of Bethel, then owned by Carl Brown and his sons. The book was designed to be a sequel to Dr. William B. Lapham's History of Bethel, published in 1891.

Miss Bean included a history of each house site, extensive family genealogy, information on Gould Academy, cemetery records, veterans' lists, and a section titled "Odds and Ends." There were 350 copies printed and it took nearly ten years to sell them.

Miss Bean died in sleep on Sept. 18, 1969, so she did not live long enough to see how valuable her book became.

By the late 1970s, offers of \$500 or more for a copy were

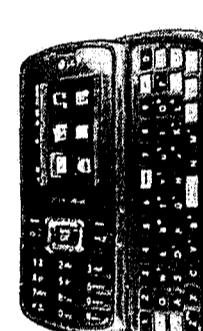
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TELSTAR'S FUTURE BUSINESS LEADERS OF AMERICA

Telstar's Chapter of FBLA (Future Business Leaders of America) participated in the Maine State Leadership Conference in South Portland this spring. A record number of 42 students attended the event, which included such activities as business related testing, business workshops, motivational speakers, leadership and spirit activities. They took home 14 awards including three Chapter awards: "Market Share Award," which is the largest percentage of students in FBLA compared with school enrollment; "Largest Chapter Award," for having the largest FBLA chapter in the state of Maine. Considering Telstar does not have a business program, this is quite a feather in Telstar's hat. "The Spirit Stick Award" which is given to the chapter with the most points accumulated throughout the conference. The stick is displayed at Telstar for the year and returned at the next Leadership Conference. Many students earned individual awards for business and leadership skills: first place Brian Annis, Networking Concepts; first place Josh Bellinger, Intro to Technology Concepts; first place Brian Annis, Technology Concepts, first place Jen Aldrich, Public Speaking 2; second place Lauretta Thurston, Impromptu Speaking; second place Elek Pew, Intro to Technology Concepts; second place Lisa Piccirillo, Personal Finance; third place Megan Bonny, Management Information Systems; third place Frankie Del Duca, Sports Management; third place Jean Lawrence, Intro to Parliamentary Procedures; third place Megan Bonny, Chapter Activity Display. For more information about this group go to: <http://mrsbennett7502.googlepages.com/thsfbl.a> Pictured are, front: Aly Steven, Jamie Steven, Kaly Brown, Gail Lavorgna, TK Cowin, Morgan Lee, Samantha Tibbets, Lisa Piccirillo, Mrs. Bennett, advisor. Second row: Katlyn Keane, Amber Davis, Kara Zadakis, Desirae Cox, Mariah Bundy, Candice Hall, Molly Keane, Victoria Forkus, Liz Forkus, Jen Aldrich. Third row: Sarah Lavorgna, Amy Maher, Carin Donachie, Jean Lawrence, Cassie Roberts, Megan Bonny, Amy Farrington, Lauretta Thurston. Back: Ben Lewis, Josh Bellinger, Elek Pew, Brian Annis, Deagan, Conrad, Tim Aguilar, John Lewis, Mat Lauro, Frankie DelDuca, Patrick Gallagher, Dylan Coolidge, Andrew Gould, Matthew Keane, Tyler Aldrich.

offers of \$500 or more for a copy were common, a rarity for a book so recently issued. Responding to this situation, the society obtained the transfer of the copyright from Miss Bean's heirs and in 1984 reprinted the entire original volume, but added another 300 pages of updated information to a second edition. A colorful dust jacket of a ca. 1880 watercolor painting of Middle Intervale was added to assist in the marketing of this edition, which was compiled by Agnes Haines,

Mildred Jackson, Nancy Mercer and Stan Howe.

In his remarks, Howe briefly traced the history of historical writing in the United States from the Puritans to the rise of the gentleman historian, who was so essential in the early efforts to compile local and regional history, before the founding of the professional organizations such as the American Historical Association (founded in 1884), the Organization of American Historians (whose origins go back to the founding of the

Mississippi Valley Historical Association in 1907) and the American Association for State and Local History (founded in 1940).

As a special observance of this 50th anniversary, the society is currently selling its remaining copies of the book at a 50 percent discount from its original price. Those wishing to order a copy should go to the society's website at www.bethelhistorical.org.

With over 1,450 members, the Bethel Historical Society, founded in 1966, is west-

ern Maine's largest and most comprehensive full-time historical agency, dedicated to collecting, preserving, and interpreting the regional past for present and future generations.

For over 40 years, the society's activities have included lectures, exhibits, special events, heritage festivals, workshops, conferences, school and educational programs, and publications. In 1974, the society acquired the former Broad Street residence of Dr. Moses Mason.

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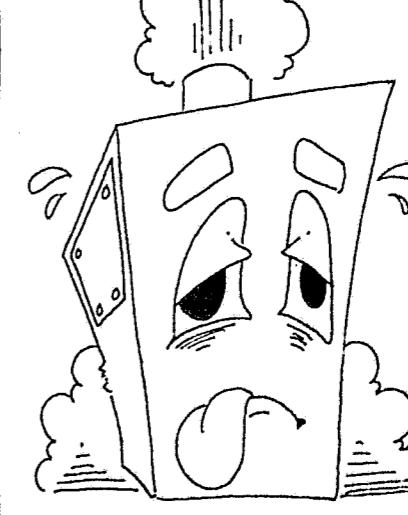
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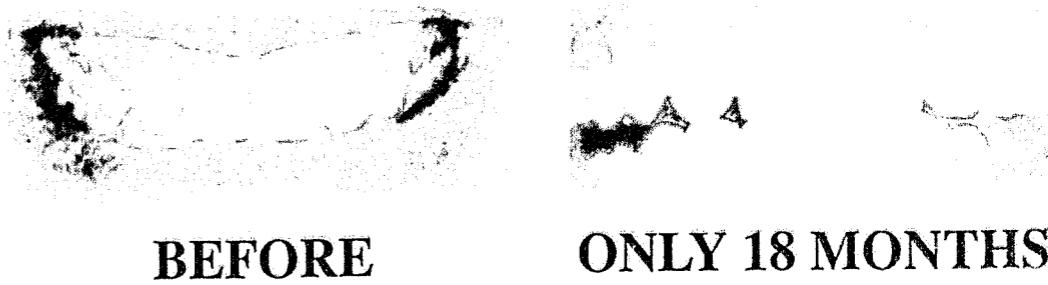
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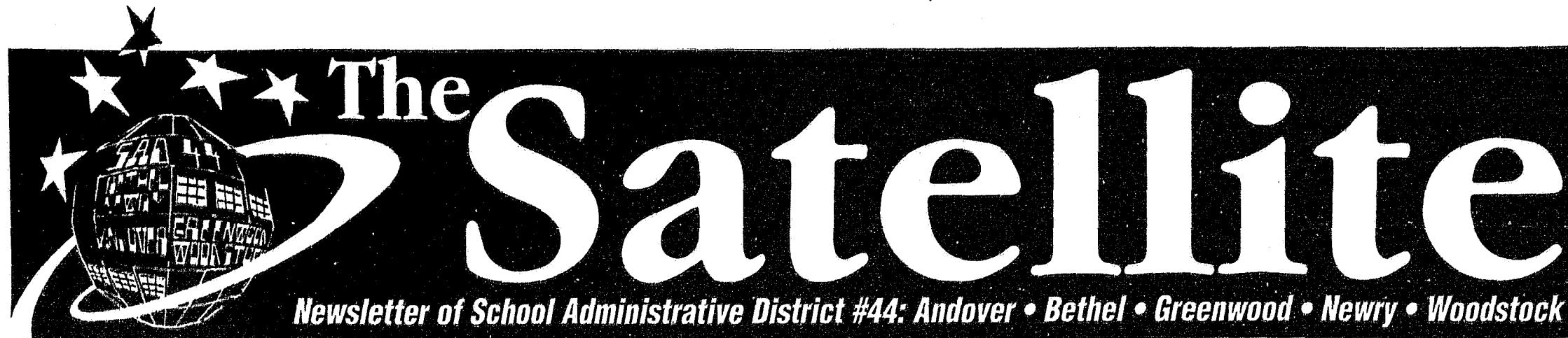
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Telstar Regional High School Recognizes Top Scholars of the Class of 2009

Telstar Regional High School staff and students are pleased to announce the honor students from the graduating class of 2009. These 10 individuals have distinguished themselves throughout their high school careers. The Telstar community congratulates these young scholars for their commitment to their studies, their school and their communities.



William F. Chapman
Valedictorian

William Franklin Chapman is the son of Robert and Amy Chapman of Greenwood.

Will has a keen interest in politics and has served as an Oxford County Democrats campaign volunteer and a Town of Greenwood election worker. Will was a Boys' State delegate and plans to attend Bowdoin College to major in political science/government.

At Telstar, Will competes in cross-country skiing and running. He earned most improved in cross-country running his freshman year and the leadership award his senior year.

In his free time, he enjoys skiing, hiking, boating, swimming, politics, political satire, reading and movies.

and spring musical pit band. She was also a member of the Honors Band at Amherst this year.

Jen plans to attend the University of Maine Orono and major in Psychology, and apply next year as a second-year freshman to the music program for music education as a double major. Jen likes to hunt, fish, sing, write, play the piano, flute and various other instruments.



Whitney A. Mills
Fourth Honors

Whitney Anne Mills is the daughter of Richard and Carolyn Mills of Andover.

Whitney is a four-year member of Telstar's Student Council and is co-president this year. She is also an NHS member. On the athletic fields, Whitney played field hockey and softball throughout her Telstar career, serving as co-captain of both teams this year. She also holds the school record for scoring the most field hockey goals in a season and in a student athlete's career.

Whitney is active in the community. She went on a Medical Mission to Honduras in November 2008 and is a member of Andover Youth Advocating Health, a volunteer for Andover Service Circle community dinners and a member of Rotary Youth Leadership Awards. She plans to attend a four-year college to study criminology/sociology and eventually biology. She says she's the Portland Pirates biggest fan and also enjoys knitting and hiking.

of the Month. Bri's community service projects include the NHS Senior Citizen Thanksgiving Dinner, the NHS blood drive and Telstar beautification projects. She enjoys reading, cooking, spending time on Songe Pond with friends and family. She plans to attend the University of Maine at Farmington and major in Secondary Education with a concentration in mathematics.

daughter of Garry and Lynne Billings of Milton Township and Joseph and Patricia Lavorgna of Delta Junction, Alaska.

Sarah is busy at Telstar as co-editor of Yearbook, and a member of FACT, NHS, FBLA and the Snowboard Club. Her community activities include blood drive assistant, NHS senior citizen Thanksgiving dinner volunteer and leading local Earth Day activities.

Sarah enjoys horseback riding, "sister time," reading, sunbathing, snowboarding, and road trips. She enjoys practicing recycling and educating others about recycling. She plans to attend Northeastern University with a major in environmental studies.



Kelsea R. Kuvaja
Ninth Honors

Kesea Raelynn Kuvaja is the daughter of Steven and Rebecca Kuvaja of Greenwood.

Kesea is co-president of her class and NHS vice-president. She is also a member of FACT, Yearbook and taken on several roles in Telstar drama productions. Kesea played soccer for the boys and girls soccer teams, is on the track team and in the snowboarding club. She recently completed a Medical Mission to Honduras and volunteered for the CPS fifth-grade trip to Camp Susan Curtis.

Kesea plans to study Anthropology at the University of Vermont, DePaul University in Chicago or the University of Connecticut. She enjoys hiking, working as a camp counselor at Camp Susan Curtis during the summer, tennis, dancing and road trips.



Katlyn M. Keane
Sixth Honors

Katlyn Marie Keane is the daughter of Steven and Marie Keane of Bethel.

A three-season athlete, Katlyn enjoys the outdoors and is part of the cross-country running team, Nordic ski team and the track team. She has won a Coach's Award for both cross-country running and skiing. Katlyn is a member of FBLA and NHS. She also enjoys performing in chorus and in Telstar's drama productions.

Katlyn plans to attend St. Michael's College in Colchester, Vermont and major in Spanish and environmental studies. She is hoping to do a semester in Latin America. She enjoys art, piano and wilderness pursuits including canoeing, camping. She uses her Junior Maine Guide training in axemenhip and using a knife to start a wet day fire, skills that come in handy on wilderness canoe trips.

She's a member of the UCC church youth group, 4-H and spends her summers working at the Bryant Pond 4-H Camp and traveling when time allows.

Margaret Forbes dePasquale is the daughter of Margaret B. dePasquale of Greenwood and James DePasquale of Bridgehampton, NY.

Peggie was a member of the track team her freshman and sophomore year and has skied on the varsity ski team all four years of high school. Her senior year she also played on the girls soccer team. Peggie is an NHS and Rotary Youth Leadership Award (RYLA) Interact Club member. She attended the Maine Youth Leadership Conference and has had roles in several Telstar drama productions. Peggie is a member of the Second Congregational Church in Norway and volunteered for the Oxford County Democrats during the 2008 elections. She also volunteered for the CPS fifth-grade trip to Camp Susan Curtis and works for the Sunday River Munchkin Program.

Peggie plans to attend Simmons College in Boston and major in chemistry. She owns a horse and a pony and helps her mother raise Burnese Mountain dogs. She loves to ski and snowboard, and enjoys spending summers on Long Island.



Margaret F. dePasquale
Eighth Honors

Alyssa Marie Steven is the daughter of Michael and Margaret Steven of Bethel.

Aly was selected as a high school Student of the Month this year. She is a member of the field hockey team and Student Council, NHS, Yearbook co-editor and has served as FBLA secretary for the past three years.

Aly enjoys dance and plans to attend the University of Farmington to become a special education teacher.



Brianna E. Douglass
Fifth Honors

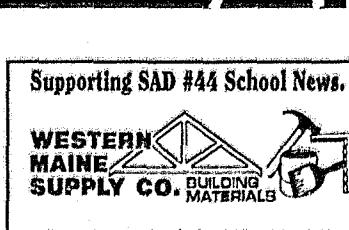
Brianna Elizabeth Douglass is the daughter of Brent and Shelley Douglass of Albany Township.

Bri is active on and off the sports fields. She is secretary of NHS and a member of FACT, Telstar Twelve, Yearbook and Prom Committee. As a field hockey co-captain, basketball captain and a softball player, she has won several awards including: All-Star Honorable mention in field hockey and basketball; all-around performance award in basketball and coach's award in field hockey. She has also been selected twice as Athlete



Sarah A. Lavorgna
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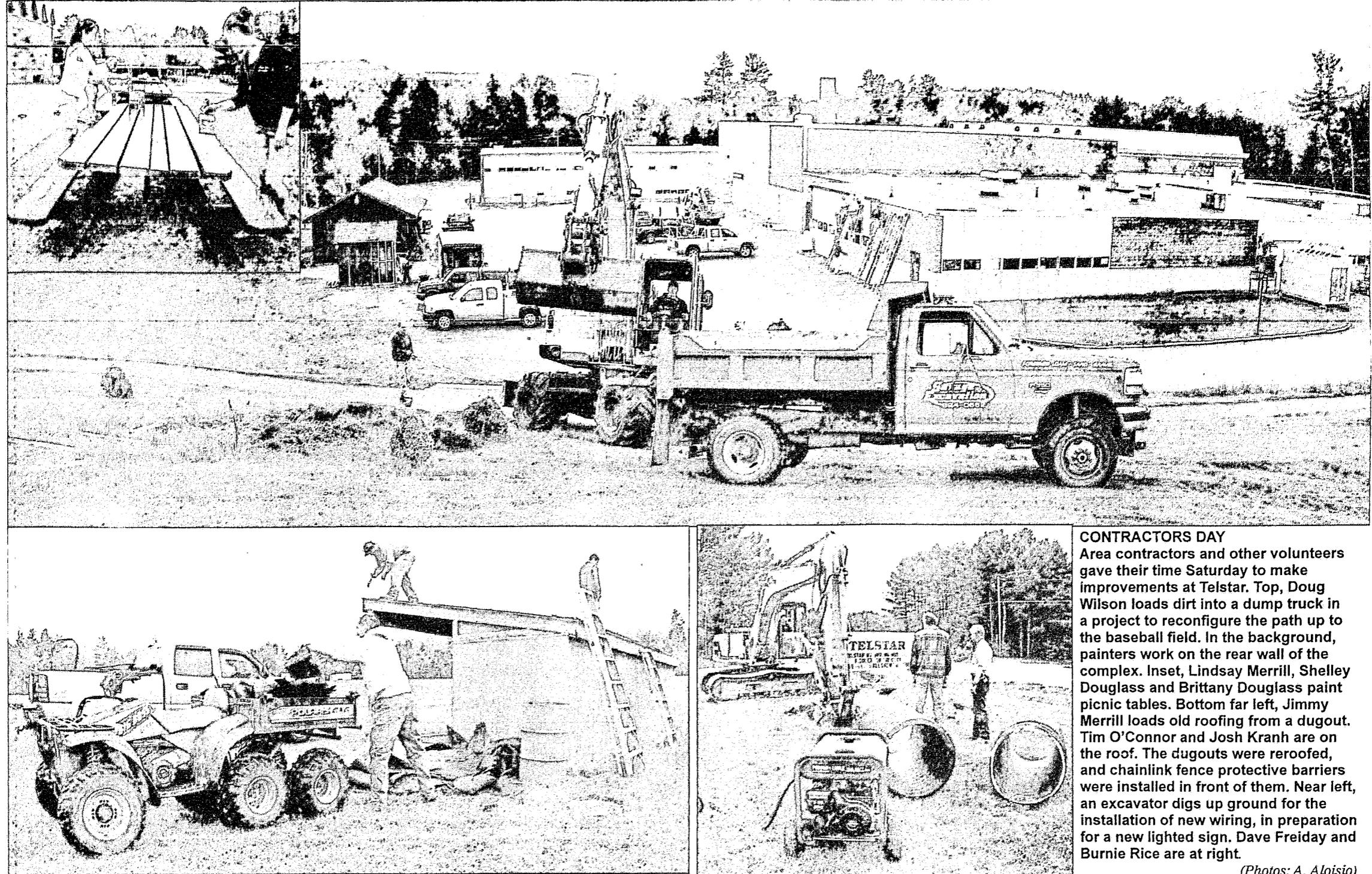
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CONTRACTORS DAY
 Area contractors and other volunteers gave their time Saturday to make improvements at Telstar. Top, Doug Wilson loads dirt into a dump truck in a project to reconfigure the path up to the baseball field. In the background, painters work on the rear wall of the complex. Inset, Lindsay Merrill, Shelley Douglass and Brittany Douglass paint picnic tables. Bottom far left, Jimmy Merrill loads old roofing from a dugout. Tim O'Connor and Josh Kranh are on the roof. The dugouts were reroofed, and chainlink fence protective barriers were installed in front of them. Near left, an excavator digs up ground for the installation of new wiring, in preparation for a new lighted sign. Dave Freiday and Burnie Rice are at right.

(Photos: A. Aloisio)

From
*Western Foothills
 Land Trust*

When the Western Foothills Land Trust began its fundraising campaign for Roberts Farm Preserve in July of 2007, Bob and Mary Van Nest brought an old milk bottle painted with Roberts Farm Norway, Maine, to the office. Bob and Mary, founders of the Trust (Bob is our current president) used to keep a dairy cow and had used the old bottle to separate

cream. WFLT chose to use the bottle for fundraising; a photo of the bottle has been on the land trust's website since 2007 and has been filling with metaphoric funds ever since.

Last week the cream reached into the head of the bottle as the Trust successfully paid off its loan on the initial \$310,000 purchase. Remaining to be raised is the \$40,000 due in June for the adjoining 10.5-acre parcel that the Technical Park Development Corporation held back.

The Trust would like to thank everyone in the local,

Maine, and New England community who helped with the effort to purchase and protect the former dairy farm parcel overlooking Lake Pennesseewassee. By next winter, the proposed trails on site will be ready for x-country skiing and snowshoeing.

Vernal Pool?

Wetlands scientist Don Murphy of Bethel has been contracted by the Western Foothills Land Trust to determine if the old farm pond on Roberts Farm Preserve has the recognized attributes of a vernal pool. Don was invited

to walk around the pond with trail designer Mike Cooper and Trust trail committee members on April 7. At that time activity was limited to a pair of mallard ducks at 98 percent of the pond surface was still frozen. As the farm pond does not have an inlet, i.e. a source for the most common predator species, Don thinks that there is a good chance that he will find the indicator species for vernal pools as the season progresses: wood frogs, Blue-spotted Salamanders, Spotted Salamanders, and Fairy Shrimp.

A brief visit by members of the trails committee one week later, on April 15, provided an open pond and easily identifiable wood frogs. Salamanders should be migrating to vernal pools in this area starting with this week's predicted rains.

Don will be monitoring the site for the Trust throughout May. In order to stay well clear of the pond, the trails committee has decided to shift the start location of the Preserve's universally accessible trail and to adjust a short section of the intermediate trail.

Incorporating suggestions from Don, the committee is discussing adding a short universally accessible trail to a viewing point near the pond.

Don has offered to present a Vernal Pool Basics program for the community at the farm pond on Roberts Farm Preserve, Thursday May 21, 5 to 6:30 pm, rain or shine. Parking available off Roberts Road, Norway. There are no trails yet, dress for a woodlands walk. Additional information: wflt.megalink.net.

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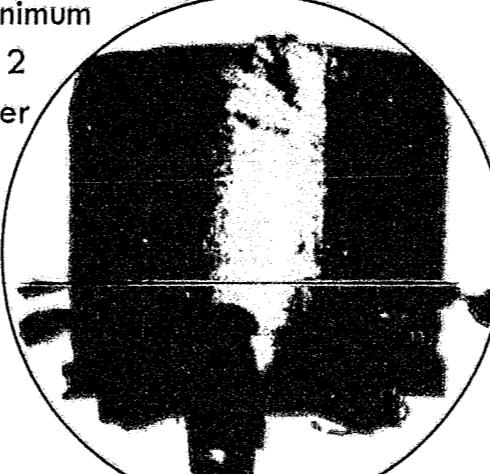
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SOUNDS OF SPRING
The Telstar High and Middle School Music Departments held their spring concert Tuesday, featuring choruses, bands and a jazz band. Left, conductor Jenn Bennett applauds the THS band; Rick Rose plays trumpet in "1812 Overture." Right, Anneliese Smith and Cheyenne Robinson sing with the TMS chorus.

(Photos: A. Aloisio)



From
Mahoosuc Arts Council

What do windmills, energy-star building, trash to treasure, solar panels, fuel cells, hybrid cars and recycling have in common? All are inspirations for Bethel's avid and creative float builders getting ready for the 2009 Mollyocket Day Parade, July 18, 2009. This year's theme is "Get Your Green On!"

Float builders may gear their creations toward anything having to do with environmental awareness and making the earth's environment healthy and sustainable. That could also include sustainable agriculture, locally grown foods, alternative power generation and much more.

Organizers are encouraging people to let their imaginations go wild with creative ideas while they formulate designs that will be judged for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place trophies. Those interested in participating must obtain a participation form and liability

waiver from event sponsor, the Mahoosuc Arts Council.

Organizers say plans for the annual festival are well underway with over 50 booths registered to exhibit and vend on the historic Bethel Common, with a variety of performances at the gazebo. Booths will represent community groups, a variety of food vendors and artists/crafters including: iron and wood work; handmade furniture, jewelry, paintings, handmade clothing and much more.

Entertainment will offer a mix of the old and new, including the Bethel Community Band.

The 6th annual ARTirondak Auction — a major fundraising event for the Council held at the gazebo on Mollyockett Day — will feature 15 adult chairs and two child chairs, made by local furniture maker Reggie Brown, and hand-painted with original, one-of-a-kind designs by western Maine artists.

Go to www.mahoosucarts.org for more schedule information as it develops. FMI: 824-3575 or e-mail info@mahoosucarts.org. The Mahoosuc Arts Council is a 501(c) (3) nonprofit organi-

zation that has worked to support and advance the arts and humanities in the adult communities and school systems of the Greater Bethel Area since 1986.

You may have read recently that Bryant Pond 4-H received funding to support the expansion of our leadership and service learning programs for teens, through CSREES; "Children Youth Families at Risk" funding.

This is a huge advantage for local schools and youth to partner with the 4-H Bryant Pond Learning Center in outdoor natural resource education and leadership.

The Bryant Pond Learning Center is partnering with local schools, after school programs and nonprofits. Our only weakness is that the Bryant Pond facility remains seasonal until a year-around building can house classrooms and lodging.

The Bolger Foundation of Ridgewood, N.J., has given Bryant Pond 4-H a \$200,000 challenge gift for the first building.

The Board of Directors and staff have been working hard to meet this goal and we need

your help. To date we have raised almost half the funds and we have until November of 2009 to raise the match.

We need to match this dona-

tion and expand educational support our local children. If you are willing to help, please contact Susan Jennings at (800) 287-1482 or 743-6329.

From

U.M. Cooperative Extension

4-H Youth Development is a program of the University of Maine in Orono. In April of 2008 the University of Maine 4-H Camp and Learning Center at Bryant Pond opened its doors to Youth Outdoor Environmental Education.

It has been just over a year since our merger and we have increased our youth educational programming to serve over 2,500 youth. Young people today need to be outdoors, explore, play and be physically active.

Today, we are paying more attention to our children's health and are becoming a society concerned with eating healthy and increasing our physical activity, and becoming

Four fruit and vegetables choices daily. Veggie burgers available daily.

School Lunch

Week of May 25

Telstar Lunches

Monday: Memorial Day. No school.

Tuesday: Make your own sandwich bar, pizza choices, 3 hot sandwich choices.

Wednesday: Make your own pasta bar, breadstick, pizza choices, 3 hot sandwich choices.

Thursday: Turkey casserole, dinner roll, peas, sandwich bar, 3 hot sandwich choices.

Friday: Pig in a blanket, baked beans, pizza choices, 3 hot sandwich choices.

Four fruit and vegetables choices daily. Veggie burgers available daily.

SAD44 Elementary Lunches

Monday: No school.

Tuesday: Ham hoagie, potato chips, cheeseburger/bun, Smucker's Uncrustable.

Wednesday: Spaghetti and meatballs, garlic bread, hot dog/roll, Smucker's Uncrustable.

Thursday: Pizza sticks, dipping sauce, broccoli, blueberry crisp, Smucker's Uncrustable.

Friday: Cook's choice.

Fruit and veggie bar daily (2 servings of fruit and 2 servings of vegetables).

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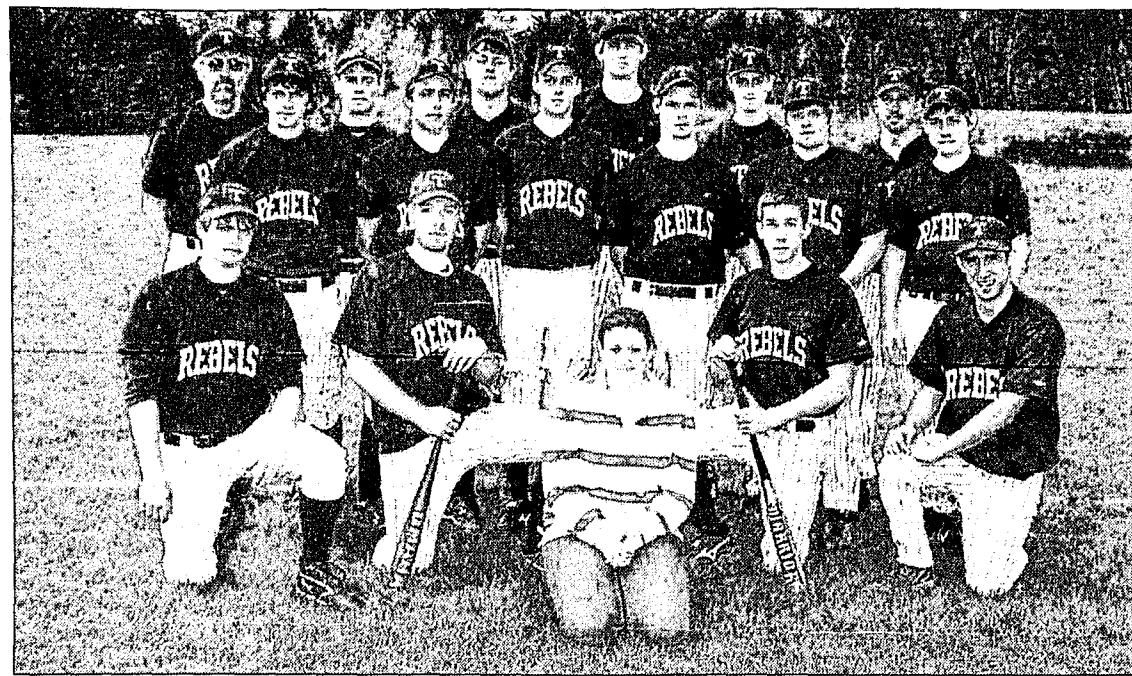
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Telstar 2009 Baseball/Softball



TELSTAR HIGH SCHOOL 2009 BASEBALL
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TELSTAR HIGH SCHOOL 2009 VARSITY SOFTBALL
Front: Victoria Forkus, Tasha Farnum, Candace Hall, Lindsay James. Middle: Nicena Walker, T.J. Cowin, Kayla Merrill. Back: Whitney Mills, Sam Largess, Hannah Morin. Absent: Sarah Averill.



TELSTAR HIGH SCHOOL 2009 J.V. SOFTBALL
Front: Grace Stover, Gail Lavorgna. Middle: Sarah Averill, Tasha Farnum, Jean Lawrence, Kallie Brown, Coach Mark Kenney. Back: Nicena Walker, Destiny Westleigh, Victoria Forkus, Kate Stover.



TELSTAR MIDDLE SCHOOL 2009 VARSITY BASEBALL
Front: Nic Conrad, Buddy Williamson, Zack Mills, Travis Brown, Zack Hiltz, Ricky James. Middle: Kurt Morgan, Nic Mills, Alec Manning, Mike Del Duca, Coach Tim O'Connor. Absent: Tobis Francis.



TELSTAR MIDDLE SCHOOL 2009 VARSITY SOFTBALL
Front: Corey Coolidge-Chase, Cathryn Haberman-Fake, Gabby Conrad, Autumn Berry, Autumn Morin, Kelsey Averill. Back: Coach M.J. Learned, Maisey Griffin, Kiersten Drapeau, Taylor Savage, Rachael Wheeler, Jessica Dirago, Manager Abby Ford. Absent: Alyssa Brands, Anna Saucier.

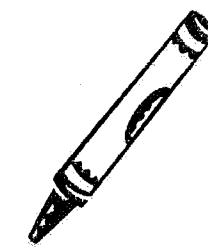


TELSTAR MIDDLE SCHOOL 2009 J.V. SOFTBALL
Front: Anne Cushman, Samantha Mallory, Hali Barter, Shaynai Seames. Middle: Ellie Conrad, Aislinn Forbes, Molly Bruce, Jennifer Wakefield. Back: Coach Linda Cozzolino, Sadie Ellsworth, Katie Merrill, Alexandra Leff, Vanessa Godwin. Absent: Eliza Miele, Grace Connors.

(Photos courtesy Intervale Photography)

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MAHOOSUC KIDS



Enrichment opportunities for the children in SAD #44

From the Director

The MKA summer staff is making final preparations for Summer Adventure 2009. Our brochure is ready and available and will be going home to all the elementary students of SAD #44. At CPS we have already started preparing and planting our summer garden! I had the opportunity to speak to the parents of incoming Kindergarten students to invite their children to participate in our summer program. It is a nice way for students to meet new friends and find their way around Crescent Park School before the new school year begins. The summer dates are Monday-Friday - June 22 - August 14th. We are also preparing for a 5 week Telstar Middle School program beginning on July 6th and ending on August 6th. I would also urge students to check out the programs at the Bryant Pond 4-H camp - MKA has many scholarship opportunities for SAD #44 students at the camp. As we close out another successful school year, I would like to thank all the students and their families who participated in our many programs at all the school sites. The MKA Board of Directors has scheduled its Annual Meeting on May 28, 2009 at 4:30 PM - at Crescent Park School.

- Julie Hart,
Director



The Telstar Leadership Committee went with 6 students to Portland Friday, April 17th and spent the night at the Clarion Hotel. They had supper at Pizza Hut and enjoyed swimming in the pool. The next morning, they left Portland on the Amtrak Downeaster at 6 a.m. for a full day of activities in Boston with visits to the New England Aquarium, lunch and shopping at Quincy Market, The Boston Museum of Science, and Omni Theater. Thanks to volunteers: Susan Jennings, Cathy Godwin, Sue Hicks, Lorie White, THS Students Kristi and Karen White, TMS Students Ali Corey, Vanessa Godwin, Anna Tyrian, and Echo Pelc, and CPS Student Becca Howard. Pictured above are Rebecca Howard, Kristi White, Karen White, and Ali Corey



Gabe Pasternak
playing on the CPS
playground.



Gardening fun!
Left to right
Leah Angevine,
Emily Foss, and
Shawna Howard-
Berube preparing
blocks for their seeds.



Open Gym at Telstar: Foreground: Dominic Haines (grade 8) Joel Putnam (grade 11) Zach Brands (grade 10), Ryan Smith (grade 9), Jo Jo Putnam (grade 6) Daniel Vaughn (grade 10) and Telstar Graduate Sean Caddigan (class of 2006)

Summer Adventure Program: "Time Travel Through Summer 2009"



About Our Program and Community Partners

The Summer Adventure Program is a collaborative community program offered by the Mahoosuc Kids Association with the generous support of MSAD #44, our local communities, the Bethel Inn Resort and Country Club, Big Adventure Center, and the University of Maine Cooperative Extension. Our many partners expand the opportunities and the fun for our troopers.

We appreciate the tremendous support from MSAD #44 employees. Bus drivers, custodians, secretaries, food service and business office personnel make it possible to offer fun, safe and exciting summer opportunities for our area youth.

Help for Families

- Multi-child discount
- Childcare voucher programs accepted
- Additional aid through possible scholarship funds may be requested.

Send a letter of need to:
Julie Hart, MKA Director
19 Crescent Lane
Bethel, Maine 04217

Program Dates 2009

Week #1: June 22-26
Week #2: June 29 - July 3
Week #3: July 6-10

Week #4: July 13-17
Week #5: July 20-24
Week #6: July 27-31

Week #7: August 3-7
Week #8: August 10-14

Program Hours: 8:45am-4pm Sign-In and Sign-Out in Gymnasium

Early and Extended Childcare Available for extra fee
Early Childcare: 7:30-8:45am Fee: \$2/daily • Extended Childcare: 4-5:30pm Fee: \$3 daily
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"Time Travel Through Summer 2009"

Eight weeks of exciting activities and outings centered on a different decade each week:

1. Prehistoric ~ Stone Age
2. 1900's ~ "Gone with the Wind"
3. 50's ~ "Shake, Rattle & Roll"
4. 60's ~ The Week of Love
5. 70's ~ "Happy Days"
6. 80's ~ Like Totally Awesome
7. 90's ~ World Wide Web
8. Future ~ "Space the Final Frontier"

Daily activities include arts and crafts, group games, enrichment programs, swimming, water slides, hiking, and field trips. Enrichments vary with age groups and may include: cooking, gardening, environmental education, science explorations, technology, archery, golf, reading activities and more. Activities are subject to change without notice.

Daily Plans at SAP

Troopers are greeted in the gym by their Senior and Junior counselors between 8:45 and 9:00 am. Each child joins one of three age-based troops:

Children entering: Explorers: Kindergarten and Grade 1 Voyagers: Grades 2 and 3 Pioneers: Grades 4, 5, and 6

Monday, Tuesday & Thursday Mornings

Explorers are busy near school with activities such as gardening and hiking. Voyagers venture a little further into the community for hikes and theme exploration.

Pioneers are often busy away from base camp, including Tuesday golf lessons at the Bethel Inn, and half-day hiking adventures on Thursdays (have proper footwear for hiking!).

Wednesday: Field Trip Day

Troopers need to be signed in at 8:30 am for departure at 8:45 am. Return to base is between 4:00 and 5:00 pm.

Monday, Tuesday & Thursday Afternoons are Wet and Wild!

Explorers and Voyagers:
Monday - Greenwood Beach
Tuesday - Angevine Park
Thursday - Big Adventure Center's Water Slides

Pioneers:
Monday - Greenwood Beach
Tuesday - Big Adventure Center's Water Slides
Thursday - Angevine Park

Fridays are fun at Base Camp!

All troops have a morning of theme-based fun and exploration. Troopers help make lunch, and then spend the afternoon with silly games, skits, songs, water balloon, volleyball, wacky Olympics, drip-drip-drop, and more.

2009 Weekly Field Trips

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| 1. Mt. Blue State Park, Weld | 3. Narrow Gauge, Fort Williams | 5. Children's Museum, Portland | 7. Lost River Gorge, North Woodstock, NH |
| 2. Maine State Museum, Augusta | 4. Crescent Beach State Park, Cape Elizabeth | 6. Grafton Notch State Park | 8. Range Ponds State Park, Poland |



What to Bring

We offer two snacks, juice, milk, and a healthy, appetizing lunch menu as part of your daily fee. Contact MKA for details and sample menu choices. In the event of thunder and lightning, our outside plans will change in order to ensure the safety of all. However, on light rainy days troopers need to be prepared to participate in all scheduled activities. Rain slickers are strongly recommended. Also bring weather-appropriate clothing, swimsuit, beach towel, water shoes, hat, sneakers, sunscreen, bug repellent, day pack and a water bottle. Please mark all belongings with Trooper's name.

2009 Rates and Fees

Weekly Rate: \$125.00 (5 days) Daily Rate: \$25.00 per day with reservation • \$30.00 per day drop in Half-Day Rate: \$15.00 Morning Half 9:00 am - 12:00 pm •

Afternoon Half: 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm Visa/MC & Debit Cards Accepted!

Summer enrollment packets will be sent upon receipt of the enclosed reservation and permission form. Payment is expected each week prior to days of attending. Enrollment packets are also available at www.MahoosucKids.org

Health and Safety

The Mahoosuc Kids Association is a State of Maine Department of Human Services licensed childcare center. MKA is in its eighth year of operation in the MSAD #44 community offering quality before- and after-school programs for school-age children. MKA also offers the Summer Adventure Program as a fun-packed alternative to summer childcare needs. MKA also serves as a 21st Century Community Learning Center and embeds creative learning into its programs.

MKA year-round staff serves as the leadership backbone of the Summer Adventure Program. These qualified caring childcare professionals, combined with additional trained summer staff, bring experience and dedication to Summer Adventure. Staff members are CPR and First Aid certified and follows strict risk management guidelines. Certified Lifeguards and trained water safety staff over-see all water areas. In case of emergency, the Bethel Family Health Center is just five minutes from the CPS base and Stephen's Memorial Hospital in Norway is just 30 minutes away. The safety and well-being of the children is our greatest concern.

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Events Calendar

9:15 a.m. (Fridays) - Oxford Hills Duplicate Bridge at Fare Share Food Coop, 443 Main Street, Norway. For more information, call Les Buzzell at 783-4153 or 754-9153; or e-mail: buzz116@myfairpoint.net.

6:30 p.m. Mondays - Hillsmen Barbershop Chorus rehearses at Catholic Church, Norway. New singers welcome. FMI: call Dr. Tere Porter 743-0656 evenings or Pat Fleck at 647-5005.

Every Wednesday, 7 to 9 p.m. - The Yet To Be Named Banjo Club practices in the Commons of the Fare Share Market at 477 Main Street, Norway. Interested banjoists invited to join. Public welcome to come and listen. FMI: call Alan Hamilton at 875-2680.

First and Third Wednesdays 9 to 12 a.m. - Veterans' Advocate will be at Maine Veterans' Home, South Paris.

Wednesdays 6 to 7:30 p.m. - People in recovery from alcohol/drug addiction may need to move to a Next Step group. Open to everyone who feels they may benefit from a change. FMI: call Laurence Austin at 824-4077 (all calls confidential).

Wednesday nights - TOPS, take off pounds sensibly, meets at Bethel Alliance Church from 5:30 to 6 p.m. (weigh in) and meeting from 6 to 6:30 p.m. All welcome. FMI: call 824-3288.

Wednesdays 10 to 11 a.m. - T'ai Chi at Ellie's Express and 5 to 6 p.m. at Bethel Family Health Center. Taught by Betsey Foster, MPH. To register, contact Betsey at 875-2426 or BSF@megalink.net.

Thursdays 1 to 3 p.m. - Cross Country Quilters of Pine Tree Quilt Guild of Maine meet at Moses Mason House Barn, corner of Broad and Mason streets, Bethel. All quilters welcome. No dues, no rules, just fun. FMI: e-mail Pat McCartney at p_quilts@yahoo.com or call Kathy Thrall at 824-3111.

Thursdays, 1:30 to 3 p.m. - Cancer Wellness Support Group support and education for cancer patients, survivors, caregivers at Rumford Hospital, Room 357 (2nd floor). Call (877) 336-7287 (toll free) to confirm during stormy weather.

10 a.m. Tuesday and Saturday mornings - Free Nordic Walking Demos at Bethel Outdoor Adventure (off Route 2). FMI and to reserve a pair of poles, call Kate Carroll at 824-2145.

Wall Hanging Quilt Raffle with all proceeds for Tyler Clough, a 9-year-old boy who has cancer. Tickets are \$3 for five or \$1 for one. To purchase tickets, call Jen Cross (cell 462-7840). Drawing will be May 29, 2009.

Thru Monday, June 15

6:15 to 7:15 p.m. - Bethel Area Youth Lacrosse for Grades 2 thru 6 (ages 7 thru 12) Monday evenings at Gould Academy. Sign-ups thru May 1 at Bethel Town Office. Residents \$10 (two or more children \$15 per family) and 15\$ non-residents (two or more children \$15 per family). FMI: call Heidi Godomsky at 824-3624.

Thursday, May 21

9 a.m. - "Whistle-Stop Tour" a fundraiser by Northeast Bank Friends of Scouting will begin at Bethel Northeast Bank to celebrate success of 2009 Friends of Scouting Campaign, then go to Mexico, Buckfield, South Paris, Mechanic Falls, Auburn and Lewiston Northeast banks. FMI: 592-8077.

Friday, May 22

5 to 8 p.m. - Matolcsy Arts Center, 480 Main Street, Norway, Opening Reception of student art "Colorful Conceptions." Paintings, drawings, illustrations, fiber art and more. FMI: call 739-6161 or e-mail esternmaineartgroup@gmail.com or visit www.TheWMAG.org.

It's always wise to call ahead

Listings in The Citizen's weekly Community Calendar are compiled from a wide variety of sources. While we do our utmost to ensure the reliability of the information presented here, we recognize that when dealing with such a large volume of material, some inaccuracies will occasionally creep in. And in other cases, a sponsoring organization's plans may change between the time The Citizen is printed and the event is held.

Accordingly, we strongly urge our readers to call ahead to verify the details of any event they plan to attend. Doing so will greatly reduce the chance of disappointment or needless inconvenience.

Support Services

ABUSED WOMEN'S ADVOCACY PROJECT

AWAP serves all of Oxford County and provides emergency shelter, court advocacy and support groups with child care. Rumford office 369-0750; Norway office 743-5086; 24 hour hotline 1-800-559-2927

AA MEETINGS

Bethel Freedom Group's Big Book Meeting Sundays at 6pm at the United Methodist Church, Main Street.

Bethel Freedom Group's 12 Step/Traditions Meeting, Tuesdays at 6pm at the United Methodist Church, Main Street.

Bethel Freedom Group's Open Discussion Meeting, Fridays at 6pm at Bethel United Methodist Church, Main Street; and Saturdays (Thanksgiving through April 1) at 4pm at Sunday River South Ridge Base Lodge, third-floor human resources conference room.

ADDITION HELP

Narconon, a nonprofit public benefit organization that specializes in helping people with drug or alcohol addictions offers FREE assessments and more than 11,000 local referrals through the 800 line. Drug addiction can be overcome and Narconon can help. Call (800) 556-8885 or visit www.drugrehab.net.

CANCER WELLNESS

Support and Education for cancer patients, survivors and caregivers. Every Thursday, 1:30-3:00pm. Rumford Hospital, Room 357. (877) 336-7287. Call to confirm during stormy weather.

EXCHANGES

District Exchange Community Thrift Shop accepts donations of in-season clothing in clean, wearable condition only. Drop-off hours and shopping: Monday 1-4pm, Thursday 4-6pm and Saturday, 10am-12pm.

The Woodstock Seventh Day Adventist Church Community Service Center offers assistance to individuals or families with food needs in the South Woodstock, Bryant Pond, West Paris and Sumner areas are invited to call 674-2566, 674-2663, or 665-2226 to learn more details.

Library Hours

Andover Library: Tuesday, Wednesday, and Saturday 1-4:30 pm; Thursday 1-4:30 & 6-8 pm. Tel: 392-4841

Bethel Library: Monday 9-1; Tuesday 1-5; Wednesday 1-8; Thursday & Friday 1-5 Saturday, 9-1. Story Hour Mondays, 10-11 am October to May. Michelle Conroy, Librarian. 824-2520.

Hamlin Memorial Library, Paris Hill: Tuesday-Friday 11:30-5:30 Saturday 10-2; Wednesday evening, 7-9 pm. Tel. 743-2980

Whitman Memorial Library, Bryant Pond: Tel. 665-2505. Tuesday 1:30-6; Thursday 1:30-7.

West Paris Library, West Paris: Monday 1:30-6; Wednesday 1:30-7; Friday 1:30-6; Saturday 10-2.

Patty Makley, Librarian. 674-2004

Gardner Roberts Memorial Library, Hanover: Wednesday, 9-3.

Upton Library: Wednesday, 2-6, Children's Hour 1-2; Saturday 2-4.

7 p.m. - John Jorgenson Quintet in concert at Leura Hill Eastman Performing Arts Center, Fryeburg Academy, presented by North Atlantic Arts Alliance. Doors open 6:30 p.m. Tickets: \$20 adults, \$15 ages 65 and over and 18 and under available at door or online at northatlanticarts.org, FMI: 935-2001 ext. 3102 or e-mail boxoffice@fryeburgacademy.org.

Thursday-Monday, May 22-25

10 to 5 p.m. - Lilac Festival at McLaughlin Gardens, Main Street, South Paris. Garden Tours 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Lilac care workshop 1 p.m. Perennials and Lilacs on sale all weekend. Historic house, gift shop and cafe open. Sponsored by Modern Woodmen of America. Admission: \$5; members free. Parking on Western Avenue at Garden Gate. FMI: visit www.mclaughlingarden.org.

Saturday, May 23

8 a.m. to Noon - Spring Fling at Locke Mills Union Church by Ladies Circle. A few antiques, clothing, knickknacks, bake sale. Starting at 11 a.m. some items at \$1 per bag.

9 a.m. to 3 p.m. - St. Never's Day Sale, Bethel Historical Society fundraising sale held on the Hastings Homestead lawn (corner of Mason and Broad streets, Bethel). Wide variety of "treasures." FMI: call 824-2908 or e-mail info@bethelhistorical.org.

10 a.m. to 4 p.m. - Faye Taylor Art Show at Bethel Historical Society's Mason House Exhibit Hall. Art of students in 1-6 in SAD4. FMI: call 824-2908.

Ellis River Riders, Andover, Open Show (English and Western).

7:30 p.m. - At Oddfellow Theater, Buckfield: The Odd Shorts Film Festival. Tickets: \$10 all seats, available at box office (336-3306). FMI: visit www.Oddfellow.com. Bring a funny, crazy or cool film you would like to submit for the festival (e-mail Matt at matt@minordelay.com).

Saturday and Sunday, May 23 and 24

9 a.m. to 3 p.m. - Yard Sale by Ring McKeene American Legion Post 151, Trap Corner, West Paris. Anyone wishing to donate good quality items, call 674-2346 or 674-5143.

Saturday, Sunday, Monday, May 23, 24, 25

9 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily - Multi-family and Skatepark benefit Tag Sale at Ingleside Childcare (formerly Rebel Rec) on West Bethel Road. Bake sale. Donations for sale welcomed. FMI: call Nancy at 824-2115.

10 a.m. to 4 p.m. - Friends of Maine Wildlife Park Annual Plant Sale. FMI: call 657-4977 or visit www.mainewildlifepark.com or www.mefishwildlife.com.

Sunday, May 24

7 to 10 a.m. - Memorial Day Breakfast at Stoneham Rescue. Adults \$5, children \$2.50.

Ellis River Riders, Andover, Gymkhana Event.

Monday, May 25

7 p.m. - East Bethel Church Association annual meeting at the church. Everyone welcome.

Wednesday, May 27

5 to 8 p.m. - Telstar Middle School Annual Fine Arts Experience, a student art exhibit and eclectic mix of special student performances, Telstar High School auditorium and cafeteria. Visual art exhibit 5 p.m. in cafeteria and 6:30 p.m. student performances begin in auditorium. Free and open to public.

Friday, May 29

9 p.m. - Special Luminaria Ceremony remembering those lost to cancer and honors those who have survived at Oxford Hills Comprehensive High School track. Area cancer survivors will kick off the Relay for Life at 6 p.m. To purchase a luminaria call American Cancer Society at (800) ACS-2345, or info for forming a team, or walking in the survivors' lap call the above 800 number or visit www.relayforlife.org/oxfordhillsme.

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MENTAL ILLNESS

Bethel Alliance Church, Rev. Kevin Bellinger, Pastor; Jim Rose, Youth Pastor. Sundays: Sunday school for adults and children at 9 a.m.; Worship service at 10 a.m.; Kidz Club (4 yrs.-5th grade) and High School Youth Group (9th-12th grade) at 5:30 p.m. Thursdays: Middle School Youth Group (6th-8th grade) at 5 p.m. For more information, call 824-2289.

Church of the Nazarene - Pastor Chuck Mason, 9:30 am. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. morning worship. Wednesday evening service in different locations. Call for info. 824-4028 (voice mail) or 824-2289 FNL.

West Parish Congregational - Rev. Virginia Rickeman, 10 a.m. worship, child care available. Prayer, Tuesday, 8 a.m. FMI: 824-0550.

Our Lady of the Snows, Saturday mass at 6 p.m. Rev. Angelo Levesque, 364-4555.

United Methodist - Geoffrey Gross, Pastor, 10:30 a.m. Sunday worship. Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.

West Bethel Union - Morning worship and 9 a.m. Sunday School. For information, call 824-3533 or 824-2829. Rev. John Williams.

Pleasant Valley Bible - Pastor Aaron McNally, Sunday Services: Sunday School, 9am; Worship Service, 10am; Ladies Bible study Tuesday, 2:30pm; Prayer meeting Tuesday 6pm; Awana clubs follow school year calendar. FMI: 824-3006 or 824-2037.

Episcopal House Church - Holy communion service the third or fourth Sunday of every month at 4 p.m. at 38 Chapman Street. For further information, call the Reverend Gwyneth Bohr at 824-2913.

Church of Christ - at home of Keith Hamel, minister, 507 Walker's Mills Road (Route 26), Bethel. Worship at 9 a.m. Sunday, 824-3577 FNL.

Seven Day Adventist Fellowship: Meets at the Nazarene Church on Saturdays, on Church Street in Bethel. For more info, call 824-8933.

EAST STONEHAM

Oxford County Unified Parish Churches in Stoneham and North Waterford - Services at 10 a.m. at the North Waterford Congregational Church (UCC), located on the Five Kezars Road, off Route 35 & 37, opposite Melby's Market. Services held at North Waterford through the winter months. Choir practice 8am, followed by Bible Study at 9:15am.

GORHAM, NH

Assembly of God - Pastor Paul Levigent. Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Sunday service.

Items for the Community Calendar may be brought to The Bethel Citizen Office, mailed in or phoned in at 824-2444. The Deadline is Monday at Noon.

7 p.m. - Open Mic Night at First Universalist Church, 479 Main Street, Norway. Sign-up begins 6:30 p.m. \$3 donation at door; refreshments available. All invited. FMI: call Heather at 935-4505 or e-mail vesselrecordings@yahoo.com.

7:30 p.m. - Mountain Storytelling Festival at Brick Church for the Performing Arts, Christian Hill Road (off Route 5), Lovell Village. Tickets available at door: \$10 adults, \$5 for 12 and under. Refreshments served. FMI: visit www.lovellbrickchurch.org or call 925-2792.

Saturday, May 30

9 to 10 a.m. - Bethel Library Plant Sale. Perennials and some annuals donated by community members. All proceeds benefit library. If need help digging or transportation of plants, or any questions, please call Susan Parker (824-4767) or Susan Day (824-2741), or John Applin (836-3421). Labels available at library on Friday, May 29.

9 to Noon - Rhubarb Pie and White Elephants at West Paris UU Church, Main Street. Sales on handicap-accessible lower level of church.

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1 to 5 p.m. - 9 a.m. - Improvisation Workshop with Davis Robinson at Celebration Barn, South Paris. Tuition: \$40 per person (\$20 students). To register: e-mail: mandy@celebrationbarn.com or call office 743-8452.

Sunday, May 31

4 p.m. - Art Moves Dance Group performs "Outside Pressure/Inside Truth" at Oxford Hills Comprehensive High School Auditorium, South Paris. Tickets: \$5 for adults, free for all students, available at Books 'n Things, Norway, and at door

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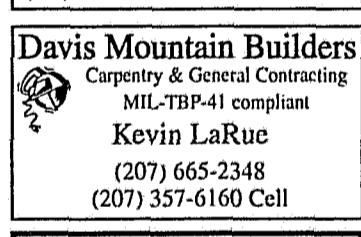
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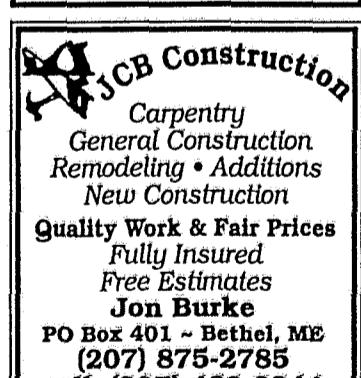
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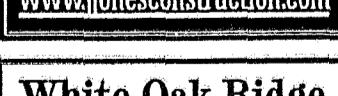
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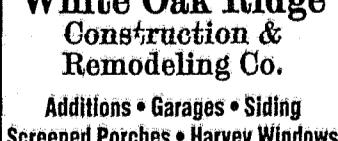


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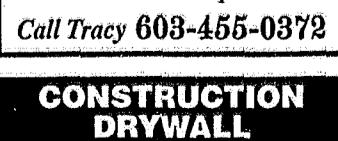
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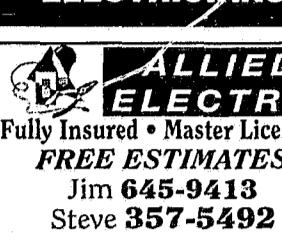
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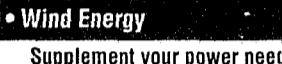
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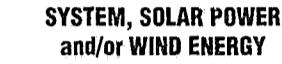
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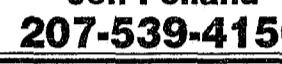
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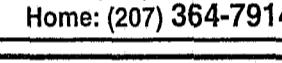
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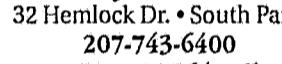


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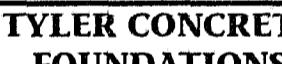
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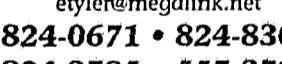
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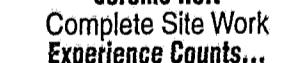
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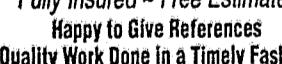
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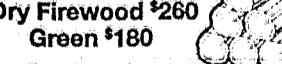
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Beth is offering this series of workshops to survivors of sexual assault and domestic violence. The workshops are free, and will meet on the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month from 1 to 3 p.m., starting on May 27, at the REACH office in South Paris. Individual time will also be available outside of the group workshop. Participants do not have to attend every workshop.

Following is a list and brief descriptions of workshop topics.

Love Your Dance of Life — Intro to body movement, how to move and feel freely from within. Simple freestyle

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The Glow of the Moon Invites Women's Hearts to Play — Intro to moon phases and you. Learn facts about the moon, cultures and how they use rituals during moon phases, including women's spirituality; we will also create our own moon calendar.

Recycling Crafts Project — Stimulate creativity in our everyday lives observing what surrounds us. We will also be exploring what it means to be "Green."

Humor Me! — For the fun and lighthearted self, a discovery workshop using positive affirmations worksheets, brainteasers and games to enjoy the lighter side of life.

The Creative Brain — A discussion on the differences of the right-brain/left-brain activities, using different drawing techniques to exercise and understand these differences.

Let It Let Out Chronicles — Creative Journaling with the purpose of recognizing the importance of letting out negativity in your life, to make room to let in positive thoughts and feelings to create more happiness in your life.

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Me Doll — By using many different mediums and craft items, we will create a doll of our "self" to help us remember and recognize our dreams and goals.

Personal Needs Tree — Using clay and picture-frames to create our own "tree of life" with emphasis on self-care, self-love and self-preservation, with encouragement to write during the creative process and share our stories and art.

Gratitude Candle — Using a variety of mediums, we

that can be worn as a symbol to remind us that happiness and inner peace can be ours to keep.

Creative Drama — Fun with theater games (dramatic activities). This will be a great way to develop imagination and confidence with improvisation.

Recipe for Dreams — To stimulate our creative writing abilities, we'll create our own recipe for our own personal dreams. When finished with our recipe, we'll create our own page in a scrapbook for our "Dream Recipe Cookbook."

Stump Removal — Using

will create a gratitude candleholder for ourselves, to remind us to enjoy life, dream, pray, wish or feel gratitude and give thanks.

Visual Imagery and Designing Eye Masks — While we decorate our own fabric eye masks, we will discuss different practices of meditation, from simple everyday breathing to guided imagery; vision journeys will be shared for the experience of a relaxation tool. The eye masks will be soft so that we may use them any time we need to give our eyes and minds rest, even if for a few minutes.

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The Bethel Planning Board has scheduled the following Site Walk and Public Hearing:

Project Name: Pheasant Hill Subdivision
Applicant: Richard Diplacido
Authorized Agent: Main-Land Development Consultants
Location: Map 9 Lots 6-1, 6-9

Site Walk: Thursday, May 21, 2009 at 5:00 PM on Taylor Smith Rd.
Public Hearing: Wednesday, May 27, 2009 at 6:45 pm in the Town Office Meeting Room.

All application materials are on file in the Bethel Town Office; please contact the Planning Assistant or Code Enforcement Officer for additional information.

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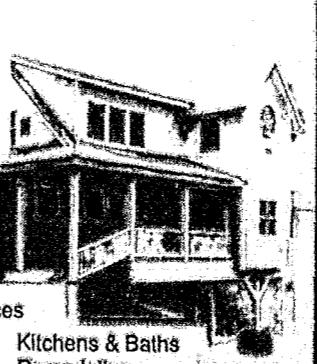
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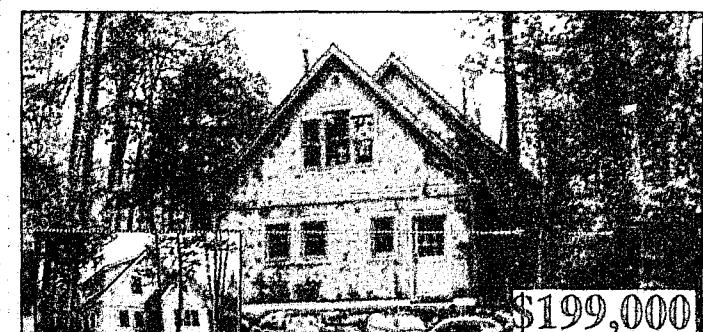
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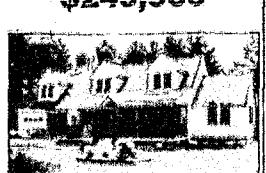
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